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Palace says hardline stance on Abus stays

By Juliet L. Javellana
and Armand Nocum

THERE is no change in President Macapagal-Arroyo's policy to rescue the Abu Sayyaf hostages without payment of ransom and to maintain a full-scale military offensive against the bandit group, Malacañang said yesterday.

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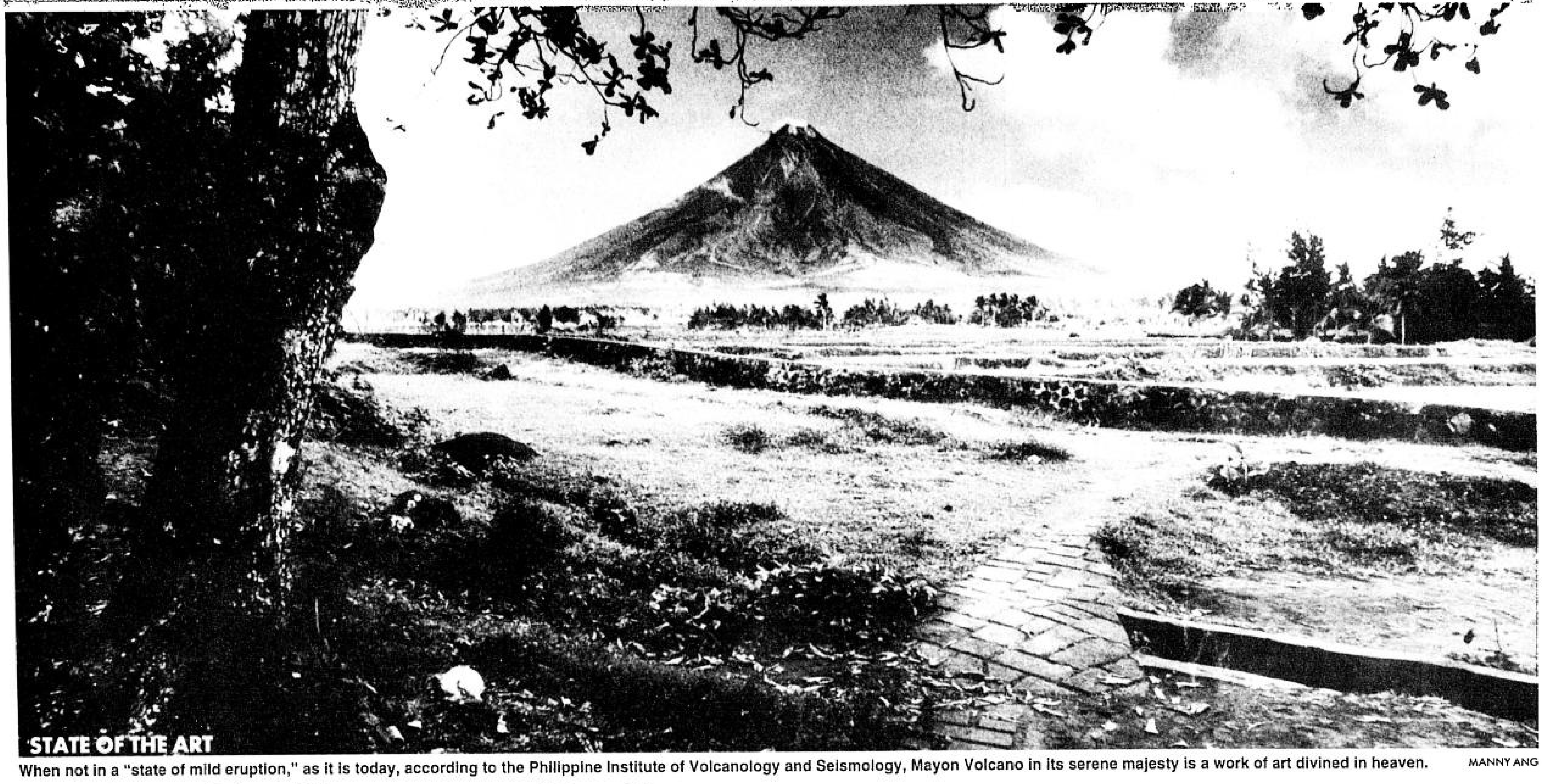

STATE OF THE ART

When not in a "state of mild eruption," as it is today, according to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology, Mayon Volcano in its serene majesty is a work of art divined in heaven. MANNY ANG

Neither king nor pauper

Sandiganbayan rejects house arrest for Estrada

By Martin P. Marfil

"THERE simply was no choice!"

With that exclamation, the Sandiganbayan before dawn yesterday struck down jailed ex-President Joseph Estrada's and his son Jinggoy's petition for house arrest, and ordered them returned to their detention house in Sta. Rosa, Laguna.

"Master or slave, king or subject, prince or pauper, powerful or weak, rich or poor, no man is above the law," the anti-graft court said in a 14-page decision heartily applauded by militant groups and received with resignation by Malacañang.

Citing nine grounds for its decision, the Sandiganbayan's third division, chaired by Justice Anacleto Badoy Jr., was unanimous and unambiguous in its declaration that Estrada should not receive any favors.

"A preventive detainee cannot be granted special treatment, over and above other preventive detainees, cannot be given house arrest simply because he is a former president," the court said.

But the justices also ordered attending physicians to submit a report to them within 10 days, stating whether Estrada and his son needed to remain in the Veterans' Memorial Medical Center, where they have been detained for more than three weeks.

President Macapagal-Arroyo's spokesperson, Rigoberto Tiglao, said the government respected and would comply with the court order, but added that Estrada's poor health could enable him to stay in hospital. Doctors say he suffers from bronchitis, arthritis and other ailments.

"Mr. Estrada's medical health, both physical and psychological, would require him to stay (at the military hospital) just to ensure that immediate medical assistance is available," Tiglao said.

The court released the resolution at 1:30 a.m. yesterday, after more than 10 hours

SANDIGANBAYAN/ A18

Justices disagree on court's power to grant petition

By Martin P. Marfil
and Alcuin Papa

ALTHOUGH they agree that ousted President Joseph Estrada deserves no preferential treatment, the three justices of the Sandiganbayan's third division differ on another legal point: whether the court actually has the power to grant house arrest.

Justice Anacleto Badoy Jr., who chairs the division, said that his colleague Justice Ricardo Ilarde believes that the court has the "inherent right" to grant a petition for house arrest.

"Justice Ilarde believes that confinement is within the inherent power and discretion of the court, to grant depending on the circumstances of the case," Badoy said.

Both Badoy and Justice Teresita Leonardo-de Castro, however, maintain that the court has no jurisdiction over the matter.

De Castro contended that the decision should be left to Congress, the legislative branch of government, Badoy said.

"They say that there is no law prescribing house arrest, that is true. But if there is no law authorizing house arrest, to get the court to authorize house arrest is to get the court to exercise a power it does not possess," Badoy said in a

JUSTICES/ A5

Macapagal woos, wows Chinoys

By Juliet L. Javellana

MOVE over, "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon." Not too long from now, we could be watching "Noli" and "Fili" onscreen in Mandarin, with Filipino subtitles.

In front of an audience of some 1,800 Chinese-Filipino businessmen, a group she has relentlessly courted since she assumed office, President Macapagal-Arroyo signed on Friday night the Administrative Naturalization Law, which eases the process for native-born aliens to become full-fledged citizens.

Ms Macapagal has repeatedly wooed the support of Chinese-Filipino businessmen, many of whom are perceived to have close ties with the past administration of Joseph Estrada.

The ceremony was held at a dinner hosted by the Federation of Filipino Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry Inc. in honor of the Philippines' 103rd Independence Day on Tuesday, at which the President also announced a series of directives.

She said she would:

- Ask the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) to have Mandarin taught in all colleges and universities as an optional language, alongside Spanish and Arabic.
- Order the translation in Man-

MACAPAGAL/ A19

103RD INDEPENDENCE DAY

From Jikiri to Abu Sayyaf

By Peter Jaynul V. Uckung
National Historical Institute

HELL has no fury like history unlearned.

The plunderings of the Abu Sayyaf reflect a historical parallelism with the case of Jikiri, the most ferocious plunderer that ever sailed the seas South of the Philippines.

It was only after Jikiri's death that it was known that he was fighting for a cause. In September of 1910, the Sultan of Sulu, Jamal-ul Kiram II, while visiting the White House, explained to US president William Howard Taft that Jikiri's piracy was a result of the failure to respect the traditional rights of his people regarding the pearl beds of Sulu. Whether this issue was addressed by the Americans was never clear.

Even then, it was social unrest that led to piracy, the destructive excursion into another country, the mobilization of a large armed group to suppress the piracy, and the rapid trivialization of the event.

The real wealth of Sulu is its people. It is ironic that the collective character of the people of Sulu has never been channeled into the national psychological state of being. For it is the strongest point of its legacy—the indomitable spirit that has permeated the islands of Sulu and has forged into its people courage unfathomable and ultra-sensitive consciousness for being free.

FROM/ A4

Street tyke tells sad story to Gloria, gets new trike

By Juliet L. Javellana

A GIFT of a sampaguita garland for the President. In exchange, a gift of P120,000 for a little girl.

After the so-called "Edsa Tres" and "May Day Mayhem," President Macapagal-Arroyo promised to realign her administration's priorities to benefit the poor, the constituency of ousted leader Joseph Estrada.

Yesterday, she was all ears when an 11-year-old girl yesterday spoke of her lot as a street kid selling sampaguita on Quezon Avenue and Edsa.

For her trouble, Jenelyn Paglingayen and her siblings need not sell garlands anymore. The President gave Jenelyn and her family P120,000 so they could buy a tricycle.

"We were not forced to sell sampaguita but we had to so we could buy food," Jenelyn said in Filipino during the closing ceremony of the Parent Enrichment Service, a nine-week seminar for parents of street children, at the Malacañang grounds.

The President listened intently as Jenelyn narrated how she and her siblings hawked garlands and begged for alms from passers-by.

Her father Jose was bedridden and had no means to feed his family. Jose and his wife Erlinda sat quietly near the President's table as their daughter told her story.

They were participants in a seminar dubbed "Ahon Magulang" and sponsored by the Department of Social Work and Development, local government units, and community-based volunteers mobilized by the Ginintuan Foundation.

During a seminar, Jenelyn said she learned that it was "illegal to sell sampaguita and beg for alms."

STREET/ A4

HOW sweet it is for sampaguita vendor, Jenelyn Paglingayen (in white dress), to be visited in her shanty in Old Balara, Quezon City, by a cash-bearing President Macapagal.

BAKA MAKASAMA PA YAN IMBES NA MAKABUTI SA SITWASYON!

General warns of long fight with Abu Sayyaf

By Philip C. Tubeza

BRIG. Gen. Edilberto Adan, the spokesperson of the country's Armed Forces, batted anew for "special legal measures" and increased military presence in Mindanao, warning that the Abu Sayyaf problem could last for the next 50 years if the national leadership does not steel itself to take these "politically sensitive" decisions.

"We are not (proposing) martial law, what we are saying is that there are measures that can be undertaken that goes beyond the present legal environment," Adan told a press forum at the Rembrandt Hotel in Quezon City yesterday.

In previous public statements, Adan has pushed for such so-called "special legal measures" as the implementation of a national ID card system and the activation of militias like the controversial Civilian Armed Force Geographical Units.

Adan explained that the Abu Sayyaf continues to survive because, like other guerrilla groups, it has a mass base.

"Unless the government undertakes special measures to isolate guerrillas from its mass base, (the problem) could go on for another 30 to 40 years," Adan said.

He explained that the bandits' mass base supplies the group with food, medicines and even motorboats.

He said government troops had a hard time going after Abu Sayyaf supporters because of the long legal process it entails as they have first to be charged in court.

"Strictly speaking, these are non-combatants. How will you control them? We need to produce two witnesses to point out that that supporter has guns in his home. But who will come forward to do that?" he asked.

He said the Abu Sayyaf will not be crushed if the government focuses only on its armed element.

"That is the wrong way to solve an insurgency problem," he said.

But Adan said the political leadership is afraid to take the necessary steps to give the AFP and the police the legal weapons because the issue is politically sensitive.

"There are so many measures that should be undertaken but are not implemented because of the so-called human rights," he said.

Militant and social activist groups have shot down previous proposals to implement a system of computerized identification for all Philippine residents because of fears it would be used to gather intelligence about private citizens and clamp down on political dissent.

'Let's move Malacañang to Mindanao'

By Rocky Nazareno

VICE President Teofisto Guingona Jr. proposed Friday night the transfer of Malacañang to Central Mindanao.

Speaking at the Ateneo Law School homecoming, Guingona said "there is nothing sacrosanct about having Manila as the seat of government."

He said the transfer would result in a "full and focused development on Mindanao."

Guingona cited the advantages that were gained by other countries like Malaysia, which moved its seat of government from Kuala Lumpur to Putrajaya, and Brazil, which transferred its capital from Rio de Janeiro to Brasilia.

Guingona proposed an amendment to Presidential Decree 940 which declares Metro Manila as the seat of the national government.

According to him, the transfer would spur the setting up of a railway system from Davao to Cagayan de Oro through new frontiers in Bukidnon and other provinces.

Angry Palaweños bury Abu victims

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—The two Dos Palmas resort employees who were abducted and killed by Abu Sayyaf extremists were laid to rest at 2 p.m. yesterday at the city cemetery here.

The skies were gloomy and rain threatened to fall as Sonny Daquer, a cook at the Palawan resort, and Armando Bayona, a security guard, were conveyed to their final resting place.

Because of the bodies' advanced state of decomposition, the coffins were tightly sealed and wrapped in plastic sheets.

Both families decided to bury Daquer and Bayona together.

"Since both of them were abducted and killed at the same time by the Abu Sayyaf, we feel that it's better for their bodies to be buried at the same time," said Paquito Bayona, the brother of Armand.

Native sons

Angry Puerto Princesa City residents had been waiting for days for the arrival of their two native sons, the first casualties from the group of 20 hostages abducted during a dawn raid by Abu Sayyaf bandits on the Dos Palmas resort on May 27.

Their arrival on Thursday had been much delayed by the unavailability of Air Force aircraft.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development made it possible for the remains of the two to be flown by commercial airliner from Zamboanga to Manila and here.

Placards expressing Palawa-nons' grief and anger were displayed at the airport and at the wake of the victims.

"Happy Birthday, Sonny. We miss you."

These were the words that greeted the coffin of Daquer when it arrived home in Libis, Barangay San Pedro, on Thursday.

Daquer would have celebrated his 29th birthday last June 6.

His wife Jovelyn, who is six months pregnant with their third child, was in shock.

Promised job

The Dos Palmas Resort has promised Jovelyn a job after she gives birth.

The bodies of Daquer and Bayona were found on June 3 by government troops in Basilan, where the Abu Sayyaf had brought the Dos Palmas hostages.

Bayona had been beheaded and tortured, his body bearing multiple hack wounds.

"The moment I saw my brother's body, I realized that he was severely tortured before he died," Paquito said in Filipino. He decided to seal the coffin for fear his relatives "might not be able to take what they see." *Geraldford P. Ticke and Jofelle Tesorio, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

No evidence vs Ping, NBI chief admits

By Alcuin Papa

THE NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation admitted yesterday that it did not have the evidence to charge Senator-elect Panfilo Lacson with the murder of publicist Salvador "Bubby" Dacer.

NBI Director Gen. Reynaldo Wycoco said the bureau could not as yet file charges against Lacson as it had not established his connection to the kidnap-slay of Dacer and his driver, Emmanuel Corbito.

At the same time, however, Wycoco said there may have been other high-level police officials involved in the abduction and murder case, thereby bolstering the justice department's allegations against a former ranking police official.

"We have received some information that there are other well-known personalities behind the abduction but we have to establish this by gathering more evidence," he said.

Wycoco said the NBI could amend the charges to include Lacson if one of the suspects in their custody were to issue a sworn statement tagging Lacson as the mastermind in the abduction and killing of Dacer and Corbito.

"We are willing to do the necessary paperwork should any of the PAOCTF men in custody execute a sworn statement saying Lacson authorized the operation which resulted in the death of the two men," Wycoco said.

Should such a statement be executed by any of the witnesses, however, it would first have to be evaluated and checked to avoid accusations that the bureau was involved in a "demolition job" against Lacson.

Aside from Supt. Glenn Dumlao, who was arrested by the PNP-CIDG men last week, there may be other ranking police officials involved in the abduction and murder of Dacer, Wycoco hinted.

"I don't think Dumlao would have acted on his own. Somebody higher than him must have ordered him to do it," Wycoco said.

Dumlao is so far the highest-ranking official from the defunct Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force, formerly headed by Lacson, to have been linked to the Dacer murder.

Wycoco said the arrest of Dumlao was the key to unmasking the mastermind in the Dacer murder.

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Hashim won't be in Tripoli for peace talks

By Allan A. Nawal
PDI Mindanao Bureau

DIGOS CITY—Moro Islamic Liberation Front chair Salamat Hashim will not be around when the peace talks between his group and the government resume later this month in Tripoli, Libya.

MILF spokesperson Eid Kabalu said Hashim saw no need to sit as chair of the rebel group's panel.

"Chair Hashim has trust in the composition of our peace panel because they were carefully selected from among the members of the Central Committee," Kabalu said.

The MILF Central Committee is composed of some 50 persons, including representatives of Moro and *lumad* communities from all over Mindanao. It is where MILF policies are drafted, including its position on the resumption of the peace talks.

Kabalu said that even though Hashim will not be there when the MILF and government panels meet in Libya, he will constantly be updated on developments.

"The same way that we will be providing updates to our people," Kabalu said.

Contrary to reports that Hashim was out of the country, an MILF source said that he was around providing spiritual guidance to the Bangsa Moro people.

Of the ranking MILF officials, only Al Haj Murad, military chief and chair of the current MILF peace panel, is out of the country.

He is reportedly in Kuala Lumpur where he will be meeting with the government peace panel (not in Jakarta as earlier reported) for preliminary talks before proceeding to Tripoli.

The MILF has been pushing for an independent state for over 15 years.

Muslim professionals said they would continue to push for the establishment of an independent Bangsa Moro state through democratic processes.

Cañares, 77

CARLOTA Icban Cañares, grandmother of INQUIRER reporter Cathy Canares-Yamsuan, passed away last Friday, June 8. She was 77. Interment will be on Wednesday, June 13, 2 p.m. at the Manila North Cemetery.

Gov't, Reds resume talks in Oslo

PEACE talks between the government and leftist rebels will resume today in Norway in an effort to end 32 years of fighting, the chief government negotiator said yesterday.

The talks follow a four-day session in April, which made unexpected progress as the sides agreed to implement a human-rights pact and discuss social and economic reforms.

But government negotiator Silvestre Bello III said Saturday that a recent attack by suspected New People's Army guerrillas on US servicemen may haunt the planned six days of talks.

On Tuesday, suspected rebels of New People's Army, which belongs to the National Democratic Front rebel umbrella group negotiating with the government, fired on a group of US Navy personnel who were touring the Mt. Pinatubo volcano with armed guards and guides.

The guards surrendered their weapons to the assailants, who then let the group go. One American hid in nearby brush and was the subject of a massive search until he made it back to an airbase 33 hours later.

"This won't help out in the talks in the sense that it doesn't build trust between the two sides," Bello said.

Also increasing tension, he said, is fighting with Muslim extremists of the small but radical Abu Sayyaf guerrilla group who hold 13 hostages, including three Americans, in Basilan.

The military has suggested that a much larger Muslim rebel group, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, is helping the Abu Sayyaf.

The government has tentatively scheduled peace talks with the MILF but vows to destroy the Abu Sayyaf, branding its members as bandits.

Neither Muslim group has close ties with the communist rebels, who operate nationwide.

The meetings are part of a three-step negotiation process designed to end the communist conflict in 18 months.

In April, negotiators cited progress in discussions of land reform, the rights of the urban poor, and problems of industrialization and globalization—issues the insurgents say address the conflict's roots. *AP*

No-frills parade on Freedom Day

By Norman Bordadora

IT'S the thought that counts.

This cliché best describes the country's first Independence Day celebration in the new millennium as Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon announced that this year's June 12 observance would only have half the P20 million-budget spent on festivities last year.

"This year's celebration may be short on cash but is definitely long on the message. That is, Filipinos should start being one and take the lead again in politics and economy in the Asean region," Gordon told the INQUIRER.

This year's Independence Day theme is, "Pilipino, magkaisa at manguna (Filipinos, unite and start taking the lead)."

Gordon said the Department of Tourism and the rest of the government agencies taking part in organizing Philippine Independence Day 2001 only have P10 million to work with and come up with a worthwhile presentation that would inspire the country.

"We might not even spend all of that P10 million. I have instructed the agencies concerned to scrimp whenever they can so we can have savings for the government. We won't spend all that money. If we can give something back we would," he said.

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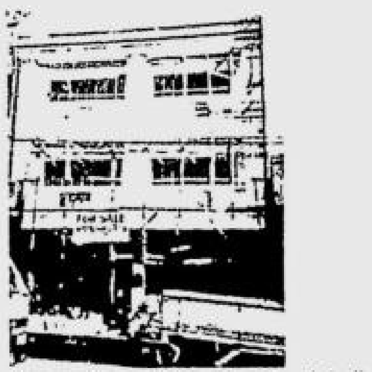

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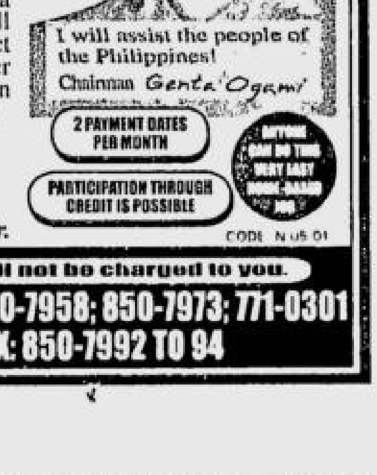

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From Jikiri to Abu Sayyaf

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But these traits, while successfully protecting the cultural integrity of the people of Sulu, has never found its way into the mainstream of national consciousness. Perhaps because the Muslims bearing the traits were themselves rejected and marginalized, an after-effect of centuries of conflict with a Christian colonial government under Spain.

By 1946, down they went under the rule of the Philippine government. They have stayed there ever since, way down below, exploited, displaced, forgotten, in a perpetual state of misery, a perfect breeding ground for Kamlon, the MNLF, the MILF and the Abu Sayyaf.

Piracy as weapon

Then there is another case where the unique character of the people of Sulu was put into a darker use with devastating effect—piracy.

Piracy was once a favored vocation at the time of the Spanish effort to colonize Mindanao and Sulu. Piracy was Sulu's weapon against Spanish aggression.

The Philippines was already an American territory when Sulu was ravaged by Jikiri. He was born on the island of Pata, south of Jolo, son of Tantari, a Samal fisherman, and Layhia, a Muslim blueblood. Jikiri was described as tall, broad shouldered, and having a Semitic nose. He had one eye larger than the other. This physical defect constantly put him in the center of ridicule.

Jikiri, who was a betel nut bearer for the Sultan of Sulu, went to the jungle where he gathered the seven original men of his gang.

The first reported victim of his band was a Chinese trader named Tao Tila. On the night of Nov.1, 1907, the vessel of the Chinese merchant was overtaken off the coast of Lumapit by the faster pirates' vinta. A companion of the Chinese, a Moro native, survived the attack by leaping into the sea, but the Chinese trader and his companions were massacred.

Jikiri went to Sibago where he bragged about his raids and bought a Remington rifle from the widow of a pirate.

In his first clash with the American 6th Cavalry, Jikiri wounded a trooper with his Remington rifle and escaped back into the forest, emerging later to ambush an American soldier-turned-teacher, Albert L. Burleigh, in an isolated path between Maimbung and Jolo.

Invincibility

By now, Jikiri's audacity had become public, his depredations published in the newspapers. Fear of the pirate was paramount, but among the Moros, through the inexplicable, almost reverential attitude to one who had courage to defy overwhelming odds, Jikiri earned respect.

The Americans offered P4,000 for the capture of Jikiri—dead or alive.

The pearlers were compelled to stop operations out of fear of the pirates. Finding no victims to plunder, Jikiri turned his attention to Borneo. It was from Borneo that an incident was reported that would bolster the legend of Moro invincibility and ferocity in battle.

Three of Jikiri's men were captured by British authorities. They were put aboard with three soldiers to guard them in a vinta being towed by a stream launch. Suddenly, a cry was heard by the captain of the launch. When he looked back to investigate, one of the Moros managed to get hold of a kris and lashed out at one of the guards whose head went flying into the air. The two prisoners and the guards quickly jumped into the sea. The kris-wielder did not jump into it. The captain shot the Moro three times. The man slumped, got up and pursued the officer across the deck who pumped three more bullets into him dropping him momentarily.

The Moro continued pursuing the now-panicking officer. The wounded pirate knocked the captain senseless into the engine room and was about to cut him when the Chinese engineer blundered into the scene. The Moro shifted his killing instinct and started attacking the hapless engineer. He was still hacking the Chinese when the captain regained consciousness and shot him five times with a rifle, finally killing him.

For the next two years, Jikiri was the unvanquished pirate of the Sulu seas and the subject of a massive manhunt by the Americans as well as by the British who, in 1909, sent Bornean Muslims after him. Jikiri dispatched them back to Borneo minus ears and fingers.

Last stand

On June 30, 1909, Jikiri was spotted at Maimbung. US forces immediately pursued him. The pirates retreated to the small island of Patian, into one of its deep, mountainous recesses. A menagerie of American troops toting heavy weapons close in for the kill.

Jikiri was with eight companions and several women. The women were permitted to leave the cave. All that remained hiding in the coldness of the cavern were Jikiri, his men and two women who chose to die with the pirates. One of the women was Jikiri's wife.

For two nights and two days, the cave was pounded by artillery and rifle fire. Finally, on July 4, believing that the prolonged belching of fire and steel had decimated the pirates, the soldiers with fixed bayonets advanced to the cave which proved to be impervious to cannon blasts that not one of the pirates was harmed nor, softened in their resolve to fight. The sound of leather boots scrapping against pulverized mountain rocks must have heralded the arrival of the soldiers. The pirates suddenly emerged from the cave and with a blood-curdling cry fell upon the soldiers.

In that bloody melee, a Lieutenant Bear shot Jikiri in the head with a shotgun as the pirate was about to decapitate another soldier. Bear would kill four more pirates with his sawed-off shotgun. Before the pirates were overwhelmed by the guns of their adversaries, three soldiers were hacked to death and 19 horribly wounded. But Jikiri was finally dead.

Street . . .

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Jenelyn said she no longer sold sampaguita. The Department of Social Welfare and Development has taken her and her siblings under its wings, enabling them to go to school.

After her three-minute speech, Jenelyn offered the President a sampaguita garland as a souvenir of days as a street child.

Right there and then, the President decided to see for herself the Paglingayen home in Old Balara. She found a squatter shanty where the Paglingayen couple, both unemployed, and their seven children live.

"How are you able to eat?" the President asked. She learned that the entire family depended on the P1,000 weekly income of the eldest daughter's husband who works as a carpenter.

Visibly touched, the President gave the Paglingayens P100,000 in cash so they could buy a tricycle. The local government was asked to donate an additional P20,000.

Even so, Jose could not resist asking the President for money to buy a taxi cab instead. "*Lubus-lubusin n'yo na,*" he told her.

The President, however, had to say no. "A taxi costs a lot and we have to help many other poor people," she told him.

Still, the P100,000 was much more than what Jenelyn and her siblings had earned selling sampaguita.

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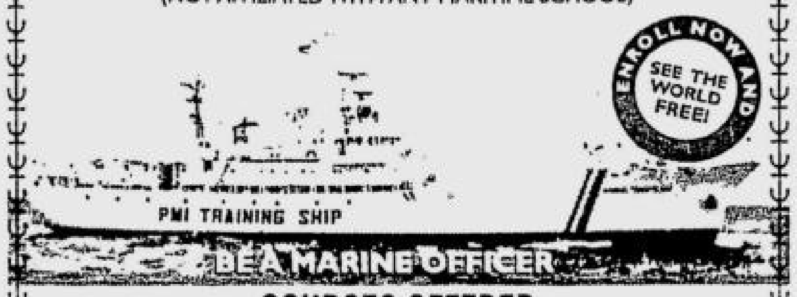

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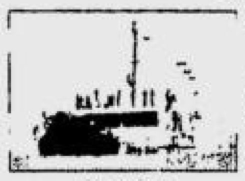

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press briefing held in the middle of the night.

The news conference was held around 1:30 a.m. yesterday shortly after the court denied Estrada's petition for house arrest. *(Story on Page A1.)*

But the Office the Ombudsman expressed elation over the court's denial of the motion, saying it was "common sense" and that the justices had "upheld the rule of law."

"The Sandiganbayan upheld the rule of law in issuing this ruling. The law is clear that the accused should be placed under arrest in a police station or jail. The concept of house arrest is not in our law and so the court rightly rejected the defense's motion," Ombudsman Aniano Desierto told reporters at a hastily called press conference at the Holiday Inn in Manila yesterday.

Desierto said the arraignment of Estrada, his son Jinggoy and lawyer Edward Serapio on plunder charges should proceed immediately.

"Now, there is no more impediment to the arraignment of the accused and the trial to proceed," he said.

Deputy Ombudsman Margarito Gervacio said the court's decision "was an act of common sense."

"It is the position of the prosecution that house arrest has no place in our present judicial system. There is no basis and we are glad that the court has come up with this denial," Gervacio said.

Estrada's lawyer, Rene Saguisag, had argued that the concept of house arrest had historical precedents, a claim that Desierto disputed.

Call for reforms

At the press briefing, Badoy also called for reforms in the jail system, saying that today's top officials, including justices of the Sandiganbayan and the Supreme Court, could one day be inmates.

"All of us must be reminded—whether high or low, all of us must be equal before the law. And it is better that the conditions of the jails be now improved, because one day, one of us may find that we ourselves have to inhabit the same subhuman (and) inhuman . . . conditions of our jails" now, Badoy said.

In an epilogue affixed to the decision denying Estrada's petition for house arrest, Badoy noted that with the prosecution and indictment of the former President, a new day had dawned on the nation.

Badoy urged Congress and Malacañang to address the problems of jails nationwide, pointing out that the two branches of government control public funds.

"For as long as this problem is allowed to remain, our jails will stand mute, eloquent but righteously indignant witnesses to the apathy, the indifference, and the criminal neglect by the establishment of the plight of the common man," he said.

He said that the court's stance against house arrest had been bolstered by the 1980 escape of Sen. Gregorio Honasan from his jail cell.

Badoy said the court's apprehension and anxiety stemmed from the fear that such an escape would be even easier for a detainee held under house arrest.

Stating the obvious

Ilarde brought up another point of contention in a six-page concurring opinion.

He said there was no need to emphasize that "no man is above the law," the cliché which the court had used to preface its 14-page resolution.

"We are aware that such statements as 'no man is above the law, etc.' (which of course is (sic) beyond dispute) caters (sic) well to the sentiments of so many," Ilarde wrote.

Such sayings, he said, have become slogans for several sectors.

"The better part of discretion dictates that these be left unsaid in resolving the issue at hand, lest the court appears (to have been) influenced by such sentiments," he said.

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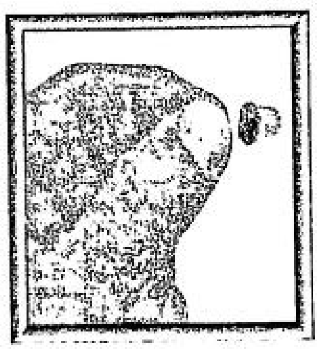

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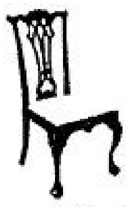

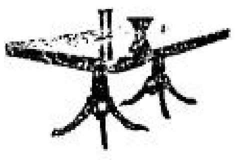

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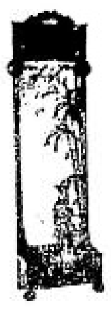

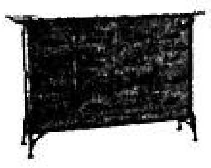

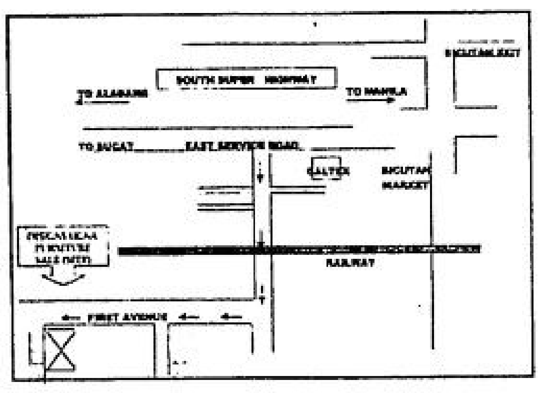

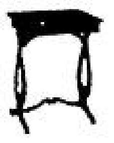

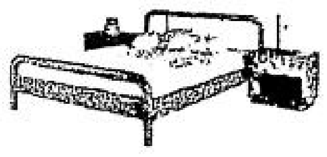

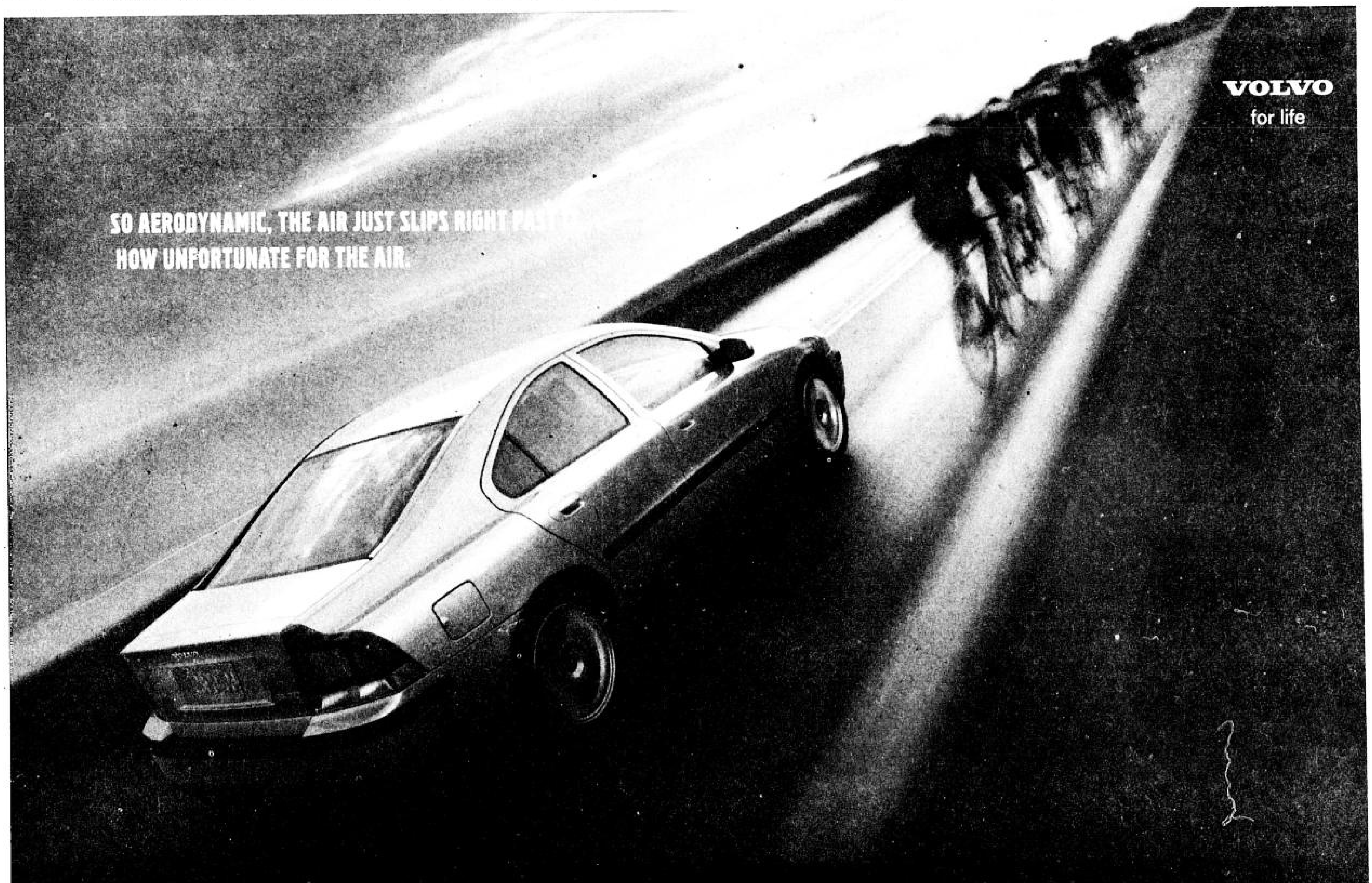

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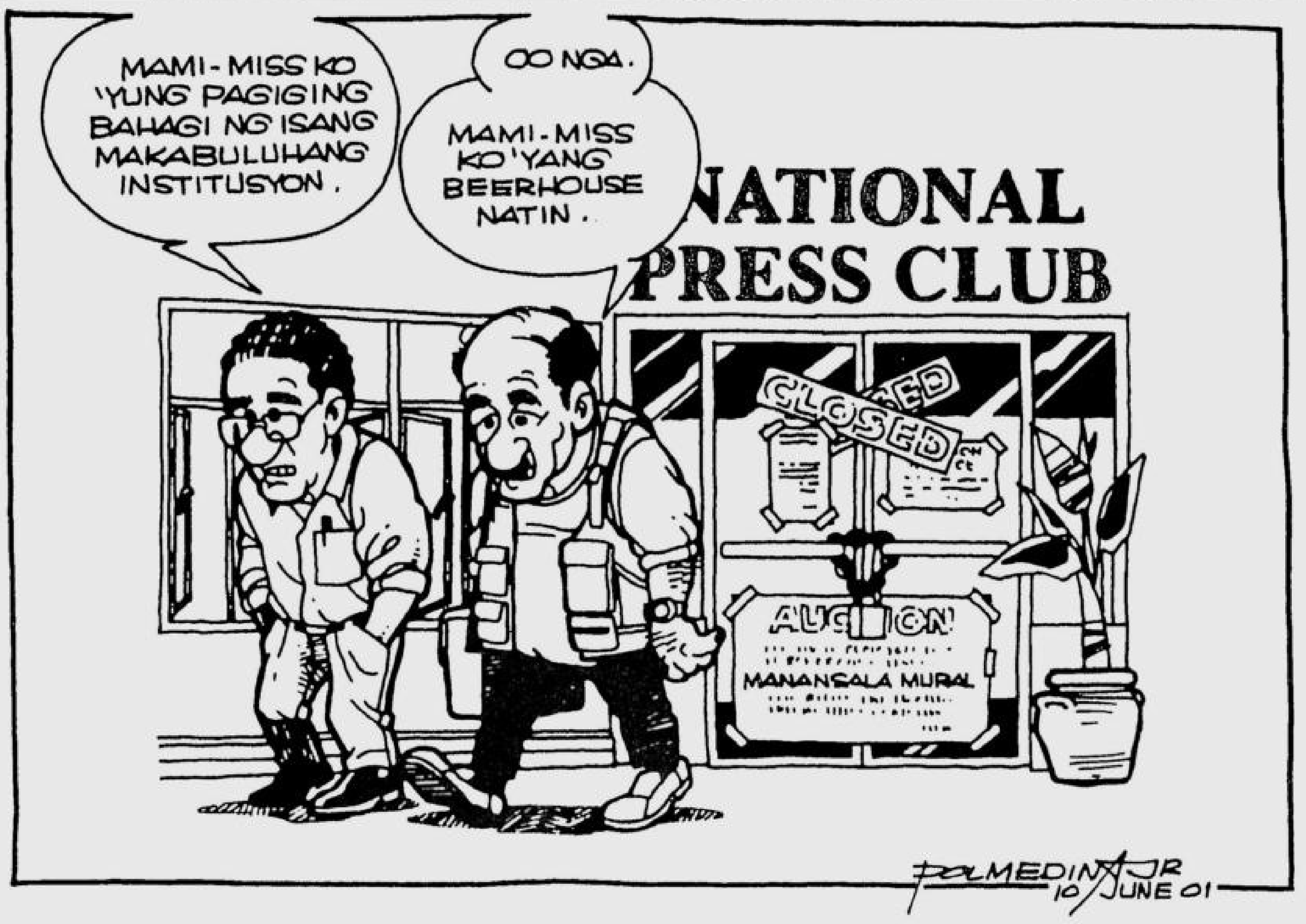
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Broadcast arrogance

EDITORIALS

THE VERBAL tussle between Education Secretary Raul Roco and a radio commentator last week over alleged unauthorized collection of fees by public schools was revealing, if not downright entertaining and amusing. Although the exchange happened on air, one could imagine the tempers flaring between the two, the tart-tongued radio woman and the amiable but firm education chief.

One wonders, of course, how a high government functionary could waste precious time debating with someone who might not even know the difference between the kitchen cabinet and the President's Cabinet. But such is the power of the press and its pretenders that their invitations for an interview are considered by officials as divine summonses.

The radio woman had gone on the air with guns blazing, citing reports that despite the education secretary's orders on public schools not to collect unnecessary fees, some schools were going on their merry old ways.

The reports deserved to be addressed, but did the radio show have the right to berate a secretary and his underlings over a matter that could be addressed dispassionately? More important, could a network go on the air with a haphazard report and obscure its flaws and incompleteness through a fishing expedition, like forcing a Cabinet member or his undersecretaries to answer an issue that they have yet to get to the bottom of? Most important, why should knee-jerk commentaries and acerbic rantings replace solid and well-researched reportage?

The Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas should implement its professional code of discipline. Broadcast air is overpopulated with broadcast characters who are long on commentaries but short on journalism. Reports are either poorly written or inadequately researched. It is shocking for the radio show in question to go on the air with serious allegations without getting first the side of the prejudiced party. And even before the government could tell its side of the story, it had already been bruised and bludgeoned by the sarcasm and uninformed asides of petty commentators.

Government functionaries have more important business to attend to; it is not their business to monitor every issue and allegation radio people holler from the airwaves. Definitely officials are not at the beck and call of highhanded and capricious broadcast prima donnas.

Waste of Sin

MANILA Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin has given his blessing to the INQUIRER campaign to recycle newspaper. In a message to parishes and communities in the metropolitan area, he asked Catholics to bring their old newspapers to the parishes so that these could be sold to the INQUIRER for recycling. That amounts to an anointment of waste.

Unmitigated waste abetted by unmitigated official incompetence has brought us to where we are now: a nation that can't even solve the garbage problem. If it would take ecclesiastical imprimatur to give impetus to solid waste management and environmental conservation, so be it.

Of course, the INQUIRER campaign is just a mite of an initiative in the vast Smokey Mountain that is the garbage mess. But the logic of the campaign is simple. The INQUIRER is a publishing company whose chief medium and product is paper, which is also its chief waste. The publication therefore offers to buy old issues at P3 a kilo. In doing so, it encourages households to take care of their own newspaper waste while profiting modestly from it. The model could apply to other waste products as well.

The drive goes into the heart of the problem. Waste management starts at home. If households cannot assume responsibility for their waste, then they should not expect the government to do the yeoman's job of cleaning up their garbage for them. At the very least, households should give our state planners and workers, who seem to be sleeping on the job as always, a shining example of proper waste management.

Recycling is crucial if we are to make a dent on the garbage problem. Households should learn to segregate and recycle waste. Management after all is efficient use of resources. With efficiency, half of the battle in conserving the environment has been won already.

'Noli de Castro sa pagka Pangulo'

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

SO there you have it. Noli de Castro has topped the senatorial elections, to nobody's surprise. The least qualified among the winners will lead the new batch of senators into the august halls of the Upper House. The Congress is debased again.

Gone are the days when brilliant statesmen like Camilo Osias, Jose P. Laurel and Jovito R. Salonga, among other erudite leaders, topped the senatorial elections. Mediocrity has taken over. That old distinction is now reserved for superficial television entertainers.

The results of the last elections have again underlined the Filipino voters' lack of discernment. Their choice of the winning senators was wise enough insofar as it rewarded most of the anti-Erap group for their integrity and acuity. But it was essentially flawed for also electing some rascals who do not even deserve to be dog-catchers.

One serious aberration of the Philippine electorate is the unsavory influence of the religious groups like the Iglesia ni Cristo and El Shaddai. Their followers are expected to vote like robots on command. Submission to this regimentation has resulted in the blind forfeiture of their inherent right to think and act for themselves as responsible citizens. It is as if they had no brains of their own and, for that matter, no self-respect either.

Is it this stupidity that these religious leaders are teaching their devotees?

It is distressing when no less than the President of the Philippines should humbly plead with the INC head for his electoral support. Or when candidates for various offices—from the Senate down to the local positions—have to pay tribute to the other cult's Mike Velarde in hopes of his endorsement. How they kowtow to these high priests is disgusting, but it is a requisite of Philippine politics.

And what is the quid pro quo in these arrangements? An appointment to the Cabinet or the Supreme Court? Resthouse arrest for Joseph Estrada and his son? A juicy government contract for the sale of land more than 100 times its real price? Preferential treatment for these sacred cows from Congress and the local governments?

Erap was never remiss in showing his appreciation to these sanctimonious sachems. We can only hope President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo is of a different mettle and will not be as grateful for their imprimatur.

Coming back to De Castro, I cannot help being dismayed by his outstanding but undeserved victory. It is an affront to the intelligent citizenry. The *bakya* crowd is responsible for this blot on the last elections, where mindlessness has again triumphed over civic conscience.

De Castro was good as a television newscaster, when all he had to do was read the idiot boards. He did not need much intelligence for that but only a baritone voice. Such meager qualification was not enough justification to aspire to be a senator, and much less is it sufficient now to be a senator. But there he is, the candidate triumphant, the crème de la crème of the newly elected senators.

I do not know much about De Castro's academic accomplishments as he has kept these much of a mystery. I have heard it said that he doesn't even know how to speak English, but that may be only a rumor. To dispel any doubt, the senator-elect owes it to the public to reveal his educational attainments, if any, for future reference.

Who knows if by 2004, it will not be *Noli de Castro sa pagka pangulo*? Stranger things have happened in this crazy country, not the least of which was the landslide victory of *Erap para sa mahirap* in 1998. De Castro could be another presumptuous incompetent eyeing the highest office in the land with the blessings of the *bakya* crowd.

Before that other calamity befalls us, I will repeat my suggestion that we amend the Constitution to require academic qualifications for all elective positions. Such credentials are a requirement for all appointive officials, including members of the judiciary and the Constitutional Commissions and even civil service employees. But the only intelligence qualification for the president of the Philippines, and other elective officials, is the ability to read and write. My granddaughter Cara, who is only 6, can do that.

Those who would justify the election of a movie actor to the presidency and television comedians to Congress may point to Abraham Lincoln who had no formal education and learned the law by himself. That is a stupid argument. Let not these bumbling misfits compare themselves to that great man who rose by the force of his intellect and not as an entertainment lout.

I hope, I'm wrong, but I fear we may expect from De Castro another Gregorio Honasan, who spent the last six years in the Senate in obscure silence. He was, he said, busy with committee work. Will De Castro, unlike the fearless Honasan, dare cross swords with skilled parliamentarians like Joker Arroyo and Frank Drilon? Maybe he would prefer the familiar company of Vicente Sotto, Robert Jaworski, Ramon Revilla and other adornments of the Senate.

It is time the intelligent members of our body politic put a check to the domination of our elections by the unthinking *bakya* crowd and their irresponsible leaders. They have inflicted enough harm on our country. They have no right to enfeeble our democracy with incompetents who can only drag us down to their own fetid and infectious level. The Filipino nation deserves more than that fatal future.

Remembering father

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

HAVE you seen a dog urinating? Have you ever wondered why it lifts one of its hind legs while doing so?

According to my friend Marquitos Roces, one time, a dog urinated on a wall, and the wall collapsed. So to this very day, the lesson has been passed on from one generation to another to make sure that never again will any dog suffer the fate of being crushed by a collapsing wall or a pole! In other words, dogs have learned their lessons well from their fathers.

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We celebrate today the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. It was Jesus who taught us to call God "Father." His whole life was all about listening to the Father and doing the Father's will, even if it meant death and crucifixion.

The unity of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit is something that has been passed on to us. We are not outsiders looking in. We are all invited to be a part of the Trinity. By virtue of Christ's passion, death and resurrection, we have become sons and daughters of the Father in the Son. Yes, we have a Father. We belong to the Trinity, and we too can call God "Father."

Do you feel God as your Father? Do you consult Him? Do you really listen to Him at all? Dogs have learned from their fathers to protect themselves from collapsing walls. How about you? What lessons have you learned from your God and Father?

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If we have not learned to love one another as brothers and sisters, then we have not learned anything at all. If we go on hurting, cheating, using and killing one another, we are not living as sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father. A good question to raise today is: Am I living a life that is pleasing to the Father? If the Father were looking at me right now, would He be smiling and nodding with a thumbs-up sign? I wonder what facial expression would the Father have if He were looking at the Philippines right now.

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Today, Father's Day, let us remember our own fathers. The best way to honor our own fathers is to remember them and carry on the lessons, the ideas, the dreams and the values we learned from them. Carry on. Pass on the lessons you learned from your own father!

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My father, Guillermo Orbos, was a good man. To this very day I meet people who tell me they knew my father and tell me stories about his simplicity, honesty, friendliness and dedication, and they always end up with the heartwarming remark that "He was a good man." He was not a rich man. He could have been. As collector of customs of the Port of Manila, he could have enriched himself, but he chose to live a life of dedicated and honest public service as his own father did before him. I remember the spontaneous outpouring of love and respect from the rank and file, and even the vendors and what-have-you's in the port area where he served for 23 years. Yes, my father was a father not only to me and my family, but to many, many more, especially to the poor, the helpless and the downtrodden. Between "he was a good man" and "he was a rich man," I'd take the former anytime.

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My father was a lawyer. He was a good lawyer, that's why he was poor. I remember how he served the barrio people in our small town, winning cases for them, accepting whatever they could give him for a fee like a goat, a pig or vegetables. I remember him typing on his old Underwood typewriter by candlelight late into the night because he did not like the people to wait.

He was generous to a fault. In fact, three days before his interment on June 23, 1987, we still did not have a place where to bury him. Why? Because he had given away his memorial plan to some needy relative. Even in death he was materially poor. But again, he made me feel that what mattered most in the end was that he was rich with God and with true friends and good deeds in this life.

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Oops. I wanted to write about the Trinity but ended up writing about my father. I have so much more to share about him. They are treasures I carry in my heart.

Well, it's Father's Day and I thought I wanted to honor all fathers out there by reminding them that you really matter to your children and that what you are and what you do will be remembered by them for a long, long time. So, what will your children remember about you?

Oops. There I go digressing again. But, I guess that's it. You don't write about the Trinity, you don't speak about the Trinity, you don't analyze the Trinity. You experience it. You feel it. You know it, in the love of your own father, in your own son, in your own spirit, for the Trinity lives on in each and every one of us. May people continue to experience the Trinity in you and me.

Happy Father's Day!

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A moment with the Lord:

Dear Father, Son and Spirit, help me to continue to live on in You, and continue to live on in me. Amen.

Time for charter change

CROSSCURRENTS

Antonio T. Carpio

CHARTER change is an idea whose time has finally come. Two past presidents attempted to tinker with the Constitution. One tried to extend his term of office while another, in cahoots with his cronies, tried to sell off the national patrimony to foreigners. Both failed miserably.

This time, the driving force behind charter change is not the President but a powerful confluence of events. Charter change may even be against the interest of the incumbent President. The logic of charter change at this time, however, is so compelling that ignoring it can lead to a national disaster.

The first necessary and urgent change is amending the **fixed and permanent** definition of the national territory in our Constitution. The Constitution defines the national territory to include all lands and waters over which the Philippines has historic or legal title. This includes Sabah and the Kalayaan Island Group.

No president can conclude a peace settlement with Malaysia over the Sabah issue without violating the Constitution. As lóng as we maintain our claim to Sabah, Malaysia will continue to financially support the Muslim secession in Mindanao. It is no secret that Malaysia can whip into line the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, as Kuala Lumpur recently did when it arm-twisted the MILF into holding peace talks with Manila.

For years now Congress has failed to pass a law defining our national baselines, the geographic points from which our 200-mile exclusive economic zone is measured. If Congress follows the Constitution, our national baselines will encroach on Sabah and areas in the Kalayaan that are part of the high seas as defined in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (Unclos). Failure to define our national baselines will considerably weaken our claim to a larger exclusive economic zone vis-à-vis other littoral South China states that have defined their own national baselines.

The Philippines is a signatory to the Unclos which mandates all member states to define their national baselines. There is a glaring inconsistency between the Constitution and the Unclos with respect to the definition of our national territory. The bottom line is, the present Constitution is preventing Congress from enacting a national baselines law.

The constitutions of most countries do not provide a fixed definition of their national territory. Legislatures are normally allowed to define the national territory since wars, arbitrations and treaties can enlarge or reduce the national territory. Permanently fixing the definition of the national territory will tie the hands of the government in dealing with the outside world.

Recently, the Department of Foreign Affairs announced our intervention before the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in the Sipadan Island dispute between Malaysia and Indonesia. Sipadan, a tiny island off the coast of Sabah, is part of our Sabah claim. If the ICJ awards Sipadan to either Malaysia or Indonesia, we cannot accept the ICJ's decision without violating our Constitution. And yet, by intervening, we bind ourselves to accept the ICJ's decision.

We face the same dilemma when, as a last resort, we are finally compelled to bring the Spratlys dispute before the ICJ or some other international tribunal. We have a very strong case if we anchor our claim under the Unclos, and a weak case if we base our claim on our historic and legal title under the Constitution. But if we use the Unclos as our basis, claiming these submerged reefs and waters as part of our exclusive economic zone, we necessarily have to forego claiming them as part of our sovereign national territory. This will make our claim inconsistent with our own Constitution.

The only solution is to amend the Constitution to insert the proviso "unless otherwise provided by law" as a qualification to the current definition of the national territory in the Constitution. This way, the President can by law be authorized to settle the Sabah dispute, Congress can enact the national baselines law and the DFA can argue more seriously the Sipadan case before the ICJ. Most importantly, we can prepare a stronger case for the big battle of them all: the future arbitration of the Spratlys dispute before the ICJ.

The second most important amendment to the present Constitution is the "regionalization" of the Senate. Visayas and Mindanao have always been under-represented in the Senate, and the incoming Senate, with 19 senators from Luzon, is no exception. If senators are elected by region and not nationwide, there will be an equitable representation of all regions, including the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, in the upper chamber of Congress.

A Senate elected by region will greatly assuage the hurt of people from Mindanao, both Christians and Muslims, who feel neglected by imperial Manila. Our 75 million population, increasing by 1.5 million every year, also makes regional election of senators more practical and less prohibitive in cost. A serious Senate run requires at least P80 million, and only the very rich, or those supported by the very rich, can afford such expense.

The third most important amendment to the Constitution is the return of the country to a true democracy by instituting the rule of the majority. The present Constitution provides for a multi-party system but inexplicably fails to require a run-off in presidential elections if no candidate wins a majority of the votes cast. A run-off is an essential element of a multi-party system and ensures that the president enjoys the mandate of the majority.

At present we have the rule of the minority as starkly shown by the last two presidential elections which catapulted into office presidents chosen only by a minority of the electorate. A majority of the electorate might, or might not have, voted for different presidents if run-off elections were held. One will never know.

We are probably the only country in the world with a multi-party system that does not provide for a run-off in presidential elections. This is a serious defect in the Constitution that must be corrected immediately to avoid political instability in the country.

Incidentally, this last amendment is against the interest of the incumbent President who is admittedly qualified to run in 2004. This should dispel suspicions that this charter change is no different from the two previous attempts. It is time to cha-cha.

Khatami faces tough opposition

NEWS ANALYSIS

Marc Carnegie

TEHRAN—Iran's powerful conservatives are facing the toughest challenge yet to their virtual monopoly on power: a rosy-cheeked, mild-mannered cleric who enjoys nothing more than a chat about philosophy.

President Mohammad Khatami was poised for a landslide reelection Friday, gaining another sweeping mandate for his bid to push through an ambitious reform program unprecedented in the history of the Islamic republic. But with conservatives still firmly in control of all the main levers of power—the courts, the army and police, state media, and oversight councils that vet legislation—Khatami is surely facing another tough four years.

"Iran is in a period of evolution, not revolution. It's a delicate game that Khatami is playing, which is why you don't see so much foreign commentary on Iran nowadays," a senior European diplomat told AFP.

Khatami has watched his conservative rivals roll back many of his reforms, and while the outside world may not be saying much, its eyes are surely on the president's coming battles over the future of the nation.

"There are mixed feelings in the West, and we don't want to upset Iran's current political dynamic," another diplomat told AFP, adding there would still be "a steady increase in engagement and, of course, business interest."

The 57-year-old cleric has regularly confounded expectations, bemoaning his lack of power and saying he didn't want a second term—then launching a campaign blitz brimming with confidence that reforms were the only way forward.

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With even the state IRNA news agency predicting Khatami on the way to topping the nearly 70 percent of the popular vote he won four years ago, Khatami's main question now will be how to outmaneuver his rivals.

Conservatives accuse him of undermining Iran's Islamic values by allowing young people unprecedented freedoms, and he is attempting to find the joining point between greater democracy and a theocratic state.

He maintains it can be done, and will be, but his four years in office were often a study in frustration.

Around 40 mostly pro-reform daily newspapers were closed by the conservative courts, depriving him of one of his most effective political tools, and dozens of journalists and Khatami allies were thrown in jail.

Meanwhile his powers are dwarfed by those of the nation's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, and as state media repeatedly reminded the public, they were voting Friday for "the regime's number two personality."

Khamenei has not hesitated to jump into the fray, personally intervening last year to block the reform-majority parliament from easing press curbs used to muzzle the press. While Khatami has buffed up Iran's image after years of international isolation, Khamenei has final say on foreign policy—and reportedly angered some reformists in April by claiming the Holocaust had been exaggerated.

The conservative-led Guardians Council has also regularly reminded parliament it is but a consultative assembly, using its veto power to overrule reformist legislation.

Despite all the setbacks, Khatami has time and again vowed that the will of the people must be heard—especially the young, who make up two-thirds of the population. They are the ones, says Khatami, who must one day decide whether the nation moves forward with more democracy and social freedom. "Those who will not listen to the voice of our youth," the president vowed in one of his last campaign appearances, "will disappear."

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Landscape and identity

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

WHEN our parents are gone, and our friends and kin have moved on to distant parts, there is often little delight to be derived from returning to the place of our childhood. The landscape alienates us. Nothing in it seems to fix memory. Our past life vanishes like a mirage. The monuments, markets, streets and squares from which we hoped to read the diary of our youth are nowhere to be found.

"All our landscapes, from the city park to the mountain hike, are imprinted with our tenacious, inescapable obsessions," writes the historian Simon Schama. He speaks of England and of Europe, where remembering is itself an obsession. You can come back to such places after years of absence and not feel disoriented.

In 1997, exactly 25 years after I had left it, I went back to Manchester, England, on a sentimental visit to my old university. The city had grown immensely. A gentrified cosmopolitanism had replaced the sooty shabbiness that had been Manchester's badge of honor since the Industrial Revolution. But the old buildings, parks and quaint streets that formed part of my world as a graduate student had not been touched; they remained exactly where my mental map had fixed them. I visited the small house in which my wife and I had lived as a young couple, and I felt instantly soothed.

One can only marvel at the effort that other nations put into the business of modernizing a city while keeping its legacy intact. On a visit to Dresden, a city in East Germany reduced to rubble by World War II, I remember being awestruck by the meticulous way in which the façades of old buildings were being restored. The buildings were being reengineered inside to take on new functions. It dawned on me that the first thing the East Germans did when money began to pour in after the reunification was to rebuild the landscape of their memory.

This is not just a European obsession, however. We find this too in many parts of Asia where nations regard landscape as an integral component of their identity. In Singapore, which is predominantly Chinese, the authorities continue to promote the restoration of the colorful homes of Tamil immigrants alongside the preservation of British colonial buildings. In neighboring Malaysia, the majestic shell of an old colonial railway station in downtown Kuala Lumpur metamorphosed into a bustling central market in a fine demonstration of adaptive re-use. One finds this too in Hong Kong as well as in Shanghai, where the value placed on national autonomy does not collide with the preservation of a heritage that may include colonial structures.

In the Philippines, the restoration work in Intramuros during the time of Marcos should have signaled a comprehensive and methodical preservation of the country's heritage. But this came to an abrupt halt when our political and economic woes became our central preoccupation. It is as if it suddenly became futile to attempt any recovery of self-esteem in the face of so much poverty and instability.

Today we prefer to forget the past than to draw any strength from it. We allow the old city to rot while we build new emporiums in its outskirts. The core of the city is turned over to those that cannot find a place in the new fashionable urban centers, i.e., to slum-dwellers, migrant populations and seedy joints. The resulting decay becomes the very excuse to clear out the old to give way to some politician's unreflected idea of urban renewal. One finds this for example in places like Escolta and Avenida Rizal.

One finds it in fact all over old Manila. It was to protect what remains of the city's familiar landscape that conservationists opposed the tearing down of the former Jai-Alai Building along Taft Avenue. But the mayor of Manila, Lito Atienza, would not listen to them; he had plans for that precious site and proceeded to tear down a landmark that he thought had passed on with time. Now the mayor is bent on building the City College of Manila on the very site of Mehan Garden. This once-elegant place used to be continuous with the Metropolitan Theater, Plaza Lawton and the entire Intramuros complex. The garden vanished from neglect and became a parking area for jeepneys and impounded vehicles.

The other day, in celebration of World Environment Day, a number of artists and environmentalists gathered together at the nearby Arroceros Forest Park for a morning of songs and speeches, and art and ritual, in an effort to dissuade City Hall from completely erasing Mehan Garden from Manila's map. It was unfortunate that the mayor was not there. When he looks at Mehan Garden and the Metropolitan Theater, all he sees is a vacant lot and a run-down structure. He does not, of course, see the old Parian where the city's Chinese residents used to be quartered. He cannot see the landscape that only memory can reconstitute for us as heritage. Many of our problems as a nation, including the worst ecological ones, arise from such memory loss.

If we had not forgotten the way our ancestors revered mountains and rivers as homes of the gods and as sources of life, we would not treat Mount Makiling and the Pasig River the way we do today. If we had kept even traces of the norms of sharing that marked our ancestors' way of life from pre-colonial times, we would not permit so many of our people today to live in degrading poverty. If we took our monuments seriously, and cared to recall the greatness they symbolize, self-respect would keep us from living the way we do today. As an act of homage to a heritage of greatness, we would not stop trying to become a better nation.

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Exodus

HIGH BLOOD

Minyong Ordoñez

WE'D also like to know the concerns of the sixtysomething and above, what makes their blood pressure rise or makes them sit back, content that all's well with their world and with themselves. —**Ed.**

IN DECEMBER 1941, fear suddenly gripped the minds of Filipinos.

The Japanese treacherously bombed Pearl Harbor, blowing US warships into smithereens. Then their fighter planes attacked Nichols and Clark Airbase, bringing the horrors of World War II to the Philippines.

Our family was living inside Camp Murphy then. I was a 5-year-old boy frightened at the sight of soldiers in full battle gear.

Everyone was terrified at the mention of *Hapon!*

Our neighbors abandoned their homes. In Manila, hundreds of families were loaded in trucks for evacuation. The exodus was a nightmare. There was chaos on the roads. Trucks and buses were commandeered for evacuation. Trains were jampacked to the roof with refugees.

We evacuated to Majayjay, Laguna, in my lola's farm at the foot of Mt. Banahaw. Our belongings were packed helter-skelter in a rickety truck used to haul copra. My folks believed that by hiding in a faraway place we would be safe from the rampaging Japanese.

After a few weeks, people in Majayjay were scurrying all over in fright. *Hapon! Hapon!* The terrifying news sent all the townsfolk huffing and puffing deep into the hidden barrios of Mt. Banahaw. My family took bales and boxes full of clothes, candles, ropes, matches, salt and rice. I remember carrying kettles and pots that kept clanging as I trudged the jungle paths.

The Japanese soldiers took Majayjay and killed many innocent men in a sadistic way. The captives were tied up in Meralco posts and stabbed with fixed bayonets. The bloody corpses were piled up in the town plaza for the people to see.

It was my first time to see death at its ugliest. The sight made me vomit. I smelled the odor of decay. I was traumatized.

But deaths became routine afterwards, at times occurring three to four times a day. The guerrillas and the Japanese killed each other. People suspected of being guerrillas were tortured and killed by the Japanese by chopping off heads.

Ka Pelis, the husband of Aunt Naty, was killed by decapitation. Aunt Naty in turn died of heart attack when she was told of the manner Ka Pelis died. I experienced grief in our family and felt the pain of Japanese oppression.

People were also dying like flies from TB, malaria, dysentery and meningitis. The town band which accompanied the funeral cortege kept playing the same sad dirge every day.

The *campanero* was kept busy too, tolling the *plegaria* bells, announcing the sacred rites for the dead in the church. As Father Cuevas, our parish priest, recited the rituals for the dead, my fear of death gradually vanished. Imagining the dead as a soul, soaring upwards to heaven was calming and reassuring to me.

Life was hard. Everything was scarce: rice, sugar, meat, fish and medicine. Commerce and transportation were at a standstill.

To survive, people bartered even their heirlooms for rice. Often families ate tasteless rice gruel, their only meal for the day. Everyone, including children, took to planting *camote*, bananas and vegetables to make up for the lack of food. Hunger and malnutrition stalked the land. Many people became skinny and pitiful.

The presence of a Japanese garrison in Majayjay made life more terrifying. The residents were paranoid about guerrillas. Men who were suspected of supporting guerrillas were being tortured in ghastly ways.

One torture called *tinubig* started with the victim's hands and feet being tied. Then he was made to sit up. Water was forced into his mouth until his stomach got bloated. The he was beaten repeatedly with a flat wood. The ordeal could last the whole day.

Binilad was a form of slow degenerative burning torture. Here the victim was forced to stand under the hot sun for up to 10 hours until he collapsed from hunger, sunburn and dehydration.

Three Japanese soldiers became notorious in Majayjay. All were chinky-eyed, yellow-skinned and bow-legged. The townsfolk gave the them monickers: Paspasan, Pusod and Papaya.

Paspasan, the Tagalog word for fast, was the evil one. He was quick to accost any man he fancied. He would curse his victim before slapping his face many times.

Paspasan slapped Uncle Berong very hard for failing to bow before him. I saw my uncle's face, inflamed and hurting. I really pitied him.

Pusod (belly button) was the shameless one. He strutted around town half-naked. His oversized navel protruded for all of us to notice. Pusod liked to show off. He loved to do hand magic in front of a crowd.

Papaya was the dumb one. His head was shaped exactly like an oblong papaya: round in the middle and with pointed ends, chin and head. Papaya had sleepy eyes. He did sentry work. I always bowed my head in front of Papaya at the school gate. I was afraid I'd be slapped in case I didn't bow.

When I was 8, the Japanese soldiers changed from bad to worse.

One day a mysterious creature called "Buslo" (a basket made of *pandan*) arrived. A *buslo* covered the man's head, hiding his face. So that he could see, there were two holes in the center of the *buslo*. People suspected something weird was about to happen.

Captain Uruta who brought Buslo ordered all the men of Majayjay to assemble in the patio. Buslo was a Makapili, a Filipino spy serving the Japanese army. Buslo went around pointing at persons who were supposed to be guerrillas. Half a dozen men were arrested, tortured and ordered to dig their own graves before being murdered.

To capture all the guerrillas, the Japanese implemented the dreaded *zona*. This involved the herding of all adult males for weeks in a heavily secured place. Any man outside the *zona* was presumed to be a guerrilla and shot.

Dada Elo, my grandmother's brother died of a stroke because of heat and hunger in the *zona*. The family went into mourning once more. My lola prayed for the souls of our dead endlessly.

Toward the end of 1944, the American army landed in Lingayen to liberate Manila and Southern Tagalog. The Japanese soldiers turned very vicious and barbaric. They burned San Pablo, Sta. Cruz, Lucban and other big towns. They massacred civilians, including women and children. The most terrifying news was that Japanese soldiers tossed infants up in the air only to catch them with their bayonets.

The rumor flew thick that the Japanese would come to Majayjay to burn and kill. The town was in panic. Our family evacuated deep in the night to a cave in the forest.

In the confusion, I forgot to bring my pet goats, so I had to go back for them. I remember pulling my noisy goats alone in the dark night, fearful of Japanese, *aswangs* and *kapres* that might be lurking along the way.

During the last days of the war, the Japanese became the hunted. They retreated to the mountains of Banahaw, San Cristobal and Sierra Madre until they surrendered in 1945. I was 9 years old.

Last year, I took my family to a vacation in Japan. We went to the placid lake of Hakone. It was so peaceful and picture-perfect there. In Kyoto, I was mesmerized by Zen temples, which were so minimalist, so contemplative, so serene. In all instances, the Japanese were extremely polite and gracious to me and my family, in hotels, in restaurants, in stores.

Will someone explain to me the perversion, barbarism and buffoonery inflicted on us Filipinos 60 years ago? Is there a Japanese in the audience? Can you please explain? I am now 65 and still searching for an answer. My fax number is 8154332. My e-mail: hgordonez@basicad.com.ph.

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TALK OF THE TOWN

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Should Estrada be placed under house arrest?

THIS issue has been somewhere in the center of public discussion since the historic arrest of deposed President Joseph Estrada on April 25. Much of the discussion has been strictly legal, a struggle in both the courts of justice and the court of public opinion between overly articulate lawyers.

The first thing we did, when we decided to address the issue, was to kill all the lawyers—in a manner of speaking, of course. Instead of asking various legal eminences, we invited educators. In particular, we invited non-legal academics who were both teachers and administrators; those who had one foot in theory and another in practice, so to speak. Taking time out from a hectic first week of classes, three philosophers and a historian joined in.

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'The ultimate cop-out'

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LET me start by raising two arguments in favor of house arrest, and then answer them in turn.

1. It is humane and less embarrassing. Why kick a man when he is down?

First, to argue that he must be detained in a real detention center is not to make him more of a laughingstock, a foolish spectacle than he already was anyway. Transparency may have been carried too far when the mug shots came out in the media. But that mistake does not justify another one. This is not about petty vindictiveness but the rule of law.

Second, I have always associated house arrest with tyrannical regimes (martial law and recently, Burma) which hope to maintain a veneer of humane-ness but actually ask the detained person to participate in the forging of his own chains. They concede some modicum of the comforts of home but leave the person feeling violated in his own house.

Third, Estrada is neither high and dry nor down and out. His bearing (or complete lack thereof) and his style of governance (more like a parody thereof) and then his plummet from power may be a strange blend of the laughable and the pathetic, less like Oedipus and more like Inspector Clouseau. However, he still has his mansions and money. He still swears by his father's grave that he stole no taxpayers' money, since of course *jueteng* money is not taxpayers' money. He has the best lawyers money can buy. Litigation looming as long and drawn-out is actually to his advantage—all the better to wipe out the paper trail and cover his tracks. He is neither defeated nor repentant. He has simply been dislodged, maybe permanently, from office, but that is as far as it goes. That is some measure of victory, but only a moral one at best.

2. It is appropriate as special treatment for a former president. After all, even a disgraced former president such as Richard Nixon was entitled to the privileges of a former commander in chief, such as a Secret Service detail.

Nixon was never charged in court and if he had been, it would not have been for plunder. Whatever faults he had—and they were legion—he was never accused of plunder. Even Bill Clinton was disgraced, but not dismissed, and not for plunder. When two former presidents of South Korea were tried for corruption, house arrest was never an option. In fact, they attended their trial in prison finery, no Armani or Gucci.

To reduce the issue from law to politics, to seek what is politically expedient rather than what the law calls for, to consider what can be grist for the political mills rather than grease for the wheels of justice, is the ultimate cop-out. Estrada's rise and fall is not only a political case but also a terrible lesson about the human condition, about pride and power, about temptation, about mass manipulation, about subversion of public trust, about almost any moral lesson you may wish to draw. Any privilege—whether house arrest or anything else—undercuts those lessons severely. We would reduce profound drama to farce. No house arrest.

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'What kind of story will be told?'

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SINCE 1986, the spirit of Edsa has been sacrificed on the altar of political expediency. Today, its memory awakens not only a sense of pride but also a sense of helplessness, national mockery, a disgust of government, even shame for lost opportunities. What we expect, or don't expect, from our leaders has something to do with this.

It appears that since many of us don't take our leaders seriously, they do not take us seriously either. While we are horizontally egalitarian, culturally many are quite tolerant of vertical inequality. It is not surprising to see a Filipino up in arms when deprived of the rights and privileges given to his neighbor. But when his superiors dip their hands in the people's cookie jar, we see him meek and uncaring. He is convinced that, given the same opportunity, he might do the same. By analogy, one may claim, in the spirit of reconciliation and compassion, that while Estrada is on trial he must be accorded treatment worthy of a former president. Ergo, a house or hospital arrest is better. (But surely a harem arrest is best!)

Sadly, Estrada's rise to power and the excesses of his presidency is symptomatic of our people's failure to adequately appreciate the importance of choosing a leader. Similarly, its impact on national and local governance and on our culture and self-respect is not well recognized. Consequently, every Filipino must see to it that our laws are not prostituted in favor of an ex-president.

In dealing with the case of Joseph Estrada, the present government, which claims to hallmark a new brand of politics, and the civil society that brought it to power, must adhere to what the law dictates. We do this not primarily because *dura lex sed lex*, but more importantly in order to win our self-respect as a people. We have to correct the wrong impression that our leaders are *ex-officio* immune from the punitive consequences of the law. To do otherwise is to make Edsa I and Edsa II a joke.

The American philosopher Richard Rorty, in "Achieving Our Country," wrote: "Those who hope to persuade a nation to exert itself need to remind our country of what it can take pride in as well as what it should be ashamed of. They must tell inspiring stories about episodes and figures in the nation's past—episodes and figures to which the country should remain true... Competition for political leadership is in part a competition between differing stories about a nation's self-identity, and between differing symbols of its greatness."

In the future, what kind of story will be told about the present leadership in the light of People Power II? In large part, how the President deals with an incarcerated former resident of Malacañang reflects how she values both Edsa I and II.

At worst, the coming generation will read it as a story of a political force shamefully running away from the consequences of people power, to the point of trivializing it and reducing it to mob rule.

At best, it will be read as an exciting story of renewed national pride and self-respect.

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Four educators say No. The reasons range from raising the true meaning of justice to striking a balance between the rule of law and the logic of survival. All four say there are lessons to be learned

'A happy balance'

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THE ANSWER is a resounding No.

Should Erap be placed under house arrest, the major players of Edsa II, the so-called civil society, will surely oppose it. On the other hand, "Edsa III" forces would approve. As we all know, the catalyst which led to "Edsa III" was when the *masa* saw how Erap was arrested, brought to Camp Crame, and then subjected to police mug shots and blottered. House arrest would appease Erap's die-hard loyalists. The only danger is the strong possibility that Erap's supporters will regroup and mount another mass action.

If house arrest is out of the question, what are the other options? Some say that he should be put in a real jail and made to endure the same conditions suffered by other prisoners. Others believe that he should stay in the Veterans Memorial Medical Center, or in a separate area within the vicinity of the hospital. Still others suggest that he should stay in Fort Sto. Domingo in Sta. Rosa, Laguna.

The first option—to put him in a real jail—is not advisable because this can trigger new protest mass actions by the "Edsa III" forces.

The second option—to confine Erap in the VMMC compound—is also unwise, for the very reason that the place itself is still accessible to Erap's loyalists. He can easily reorganize his supporters, now that his wife has been elected senator.

Moreover, the additional expense of building another house fit for Erap is something the government can ill afford at this time. Besides, previous medical tests have revealed that Erap is not suffering from a life-threatening illness requiring constant medical supervision.

The third option—to put Erap in Fort Sto. Domingo—is I believe the best of all possible options. This alternative is some sort of a compromise with the demands of all sectors of society. The detention center has all the amenities of a decent house. It has an air-conditioning unit, furniture, a big comfortable bed, appliances. Erap supporters cannot complain that their idol is living in miserable conditions. In addition, the place is not easily accessible and is heavily guarded.

To be sure, the Edsa II forces will definitely be unhappy with this option. *But they will have to understand.* Civil society must realize that GMA cannot afford another "Edsa III." The Edsa II forces who are in a better position to understand the present situation of the country must be satisfied with the fact that Erap is at least detained and will soon be on trial in the Sandiganbayan.

In this way, justice can still be served, although not in the way that they imagined it. Even if GMA's critics say that she is a comprising President, the present conditions leave her no choice but to be one. Our country has become a government dictated by "mob rule," not by rule of law. What we need now is a President who can keep our nation intact by exerting all efforts to accommodate all interest groups and individuals.

A happy balance should be reached between the ideal of the rule of law and the logic of survival. This historic problem calls for a most capable state leadership.

'A valuable lesson or two'

MICHAEL LEUTERIO

IN THE MIDDLE of this year's summer vacation, the question on whether the government should allow the former president to be placed under house arrest or not became a conflict-ridden issue. Classes have now started, but the issue continues to divide the nation.

I can already anticipate the questions my fourth-year students in Values Education will ask me. How am I going to answer them?

As I tried to formulate some answers, I remembered a former high school student, whom I taught not too many years ago. He did not come from the honors class, but he was a natural leader who won the respect of his teachers and captured the hearts of his peers. During his senior year, he became a high-ranking official of the Citizen's Army Training corps, was an active student leader, and even led the school's varsity team to the championship in the city's inter-school basketball competition.

Then it happened. He committed an offense, one punishable by suspension. It also threatened to deprive him of a gold medal and the leadership award come graduation day. Some teachers and students thought that the penalties were too harsh, considering that the student rendered the school much service and honor. It was a difficult decision for the graduation committee to make, but everyone, including the remorseful student himself, eventually agreed that the school rules must be implemented regardless of the student's standing or achievement. With grace, he accepted the committee's decision and became the first student in the school's history to receive the full force of the law.

The student grew up to become one of the most outstanding alumni of the school. In his early 20s, he was elected to public office in his hometown. In no time, he endeared himself to his constituents and won many of his harshest critics over to his side.

Every time we meet and engage in serious talk, my former student would look back on this experience almost with an air of nostalgia. He'd talk about the lessons he learned from that experience and how these lessons influenced him in his work and his life as a public servant: That every act—good or bad—has consequences. That admitting one's wrongdoing is not easy, but is the only noble option to take. That being a "personality" does not give one license to act as one pleases. That previous good acts can never excuse nor justify one's present or future wrongdoing.

This is not to say that the incident made an honest man out of him. Maybe it did. Maybe he was just trying to impress me. But he did have a good track record and an untarnished reputation as a public servant. When he ran for a second term during the recent elections, he won by a landslide.

I do not really know what my former student, whom I admire, thinks about the issue of putting the former president under house arrest. But I am sure that, like myself, Estrada and his ardent supporters can learn a valuable lesson or two from my former student, on the true meaning of law and justice.

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Talking points

ALL four articles were edited for length, but Mr. Escasa's was most affected, because of the strategy he employed. He had raised six of the most common arguments in favor of house arrest, and proceeded to demolish them one by one. The two that have been retained above are the most developed.

Dr. Miranda's essay dwelt on two, non-acceptable, options at some length; these were sacrificed to make way for the third and, in her view, only acceptable option.

Essentially, she **argues from the view that politics is the art of the possible,** and urges all sectors to accept necessary compromises.

Mr. Leuterio does not only argue by example (which takes up much of his piece); he offers the **argument *from* example.** That is, he says people in authority must themselves lead exemplary lives.

Professor Tadle's argument takes an interesting twist, when he condenses the entire house arrest issue into yet another question: How will future generations read the second Macapagal era **as a story,** as an "episode" in the Rortian sense?

Escasa's approach is especially instructive. At a time when political handlers discourage their candidates from even mentioning their opponents' names, because it might give the other side undue mileage or unearned publicity, this modern, modified **version of the medieval practice of disputation** will strike some as downright radical.

Escasa gives the other side its due, lining up the strongest arguments and taking care not to misrepresent them, before wheeling in the heavy artillery. It is a tricky strategy, but when done well, becomes almost irresistibly convincing. ***J. Nery***

Senate race won't split PPC, aspirant pledges

BY ARMAND N. NOCUM

A THREE-CORNERED fight among administration senators for the Senate presidency is not going to break up the People Power Coalition, or result in the opposition grabbing the coveted post.

Sen. Renato Cayetano, one of those aspiring to the post, and PPC spokesperson Conrado Limcaoco said the candidates have agreed to support the one who will get the numbers.

"At the end of the day, the one with the numbers will also get the support of the others," Cayetano told the INQUIRER in a telephone interview.

Another aspirant from the PPC, Sen. Joker Arroyo, was not kidding when he said he was interested in the Senate post, according to Sen. Ralph Recto.

Recto said Arroyo, a Makati representative in the last Congress, wants to assert the competence of the neophytes in the new Senate.

In another telephone interview, Recto said those who dismissed Arroyo's aspiration to be Senate president "are in for a big surprise."

"The point is you cannot set aside the neophytes. We may have more legislative experience than the others," he said, adding that he and Arroyo had been in the House nine years each.

Aside from Cayetano and Arroyo, Sen. Franklin Drilon has announced plans to reclaim the post he held before current Senate President Aquilino Pimentel Jr.

On Friday, Pimentel announced that he continued to enjoy the support of more than 13 senators, ensuring his hold on the chamber leadership.

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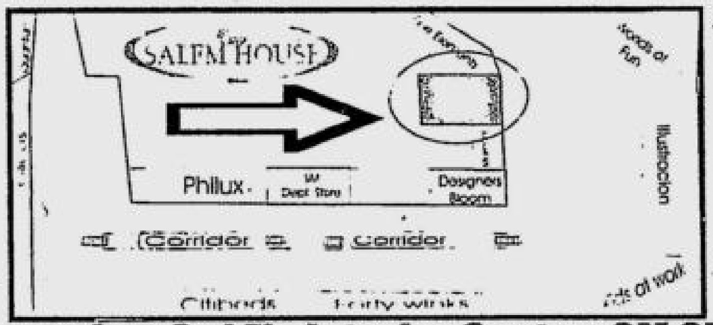

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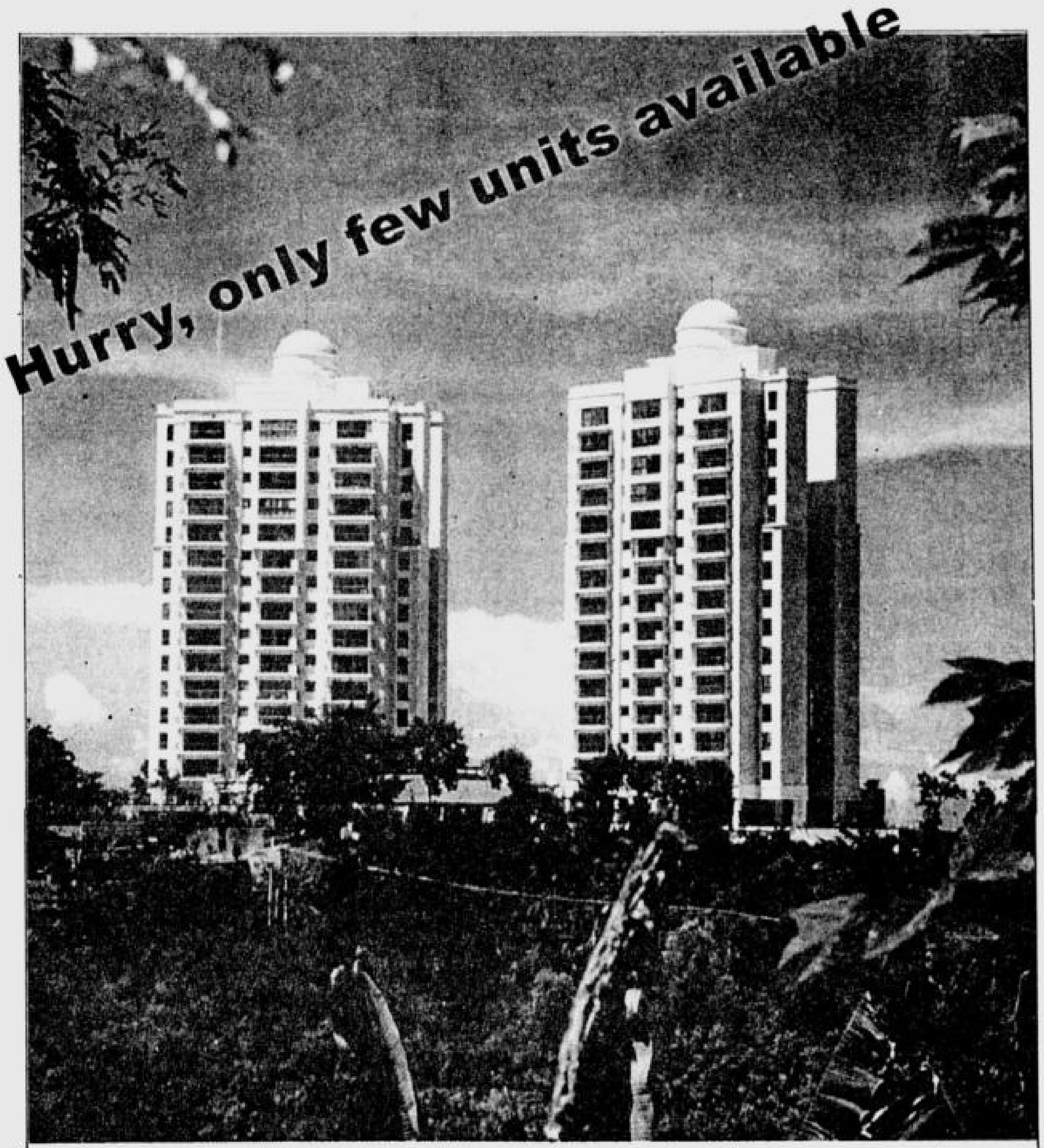

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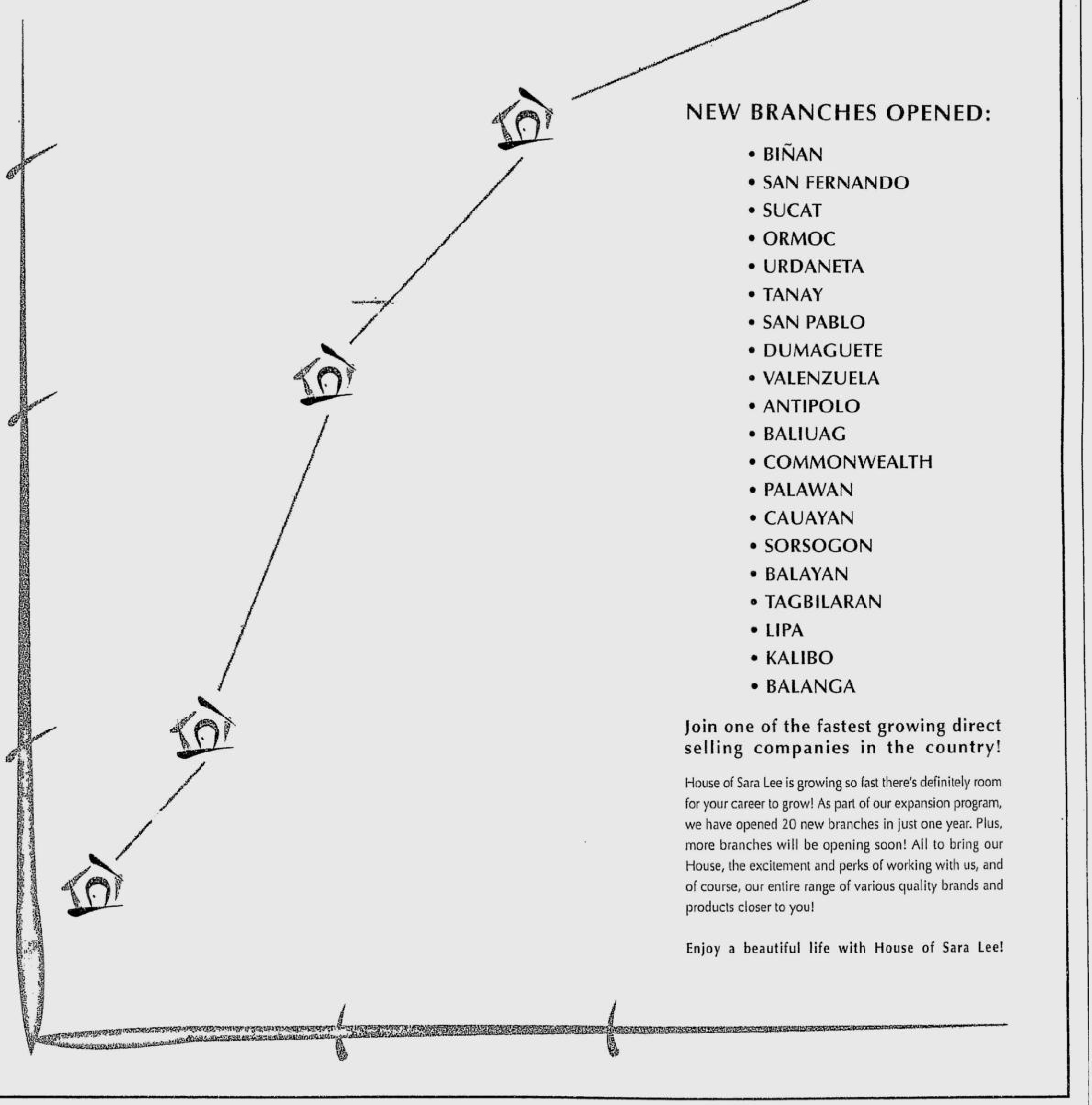

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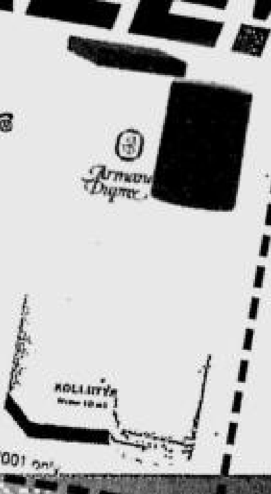

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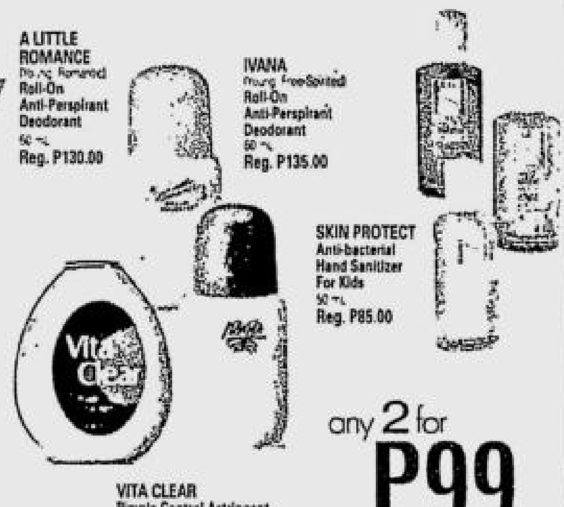

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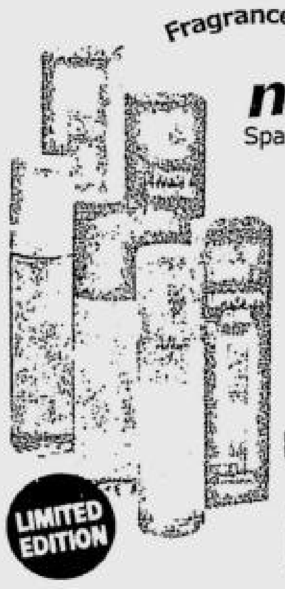

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In a surprise change, former interior minister Jack Straw was appointed as Britain's new Foreign Secretary, replacing Robin Cook.

Former education minister David Blunkett was named as Straw's replacement as interior minister in a switch which saw most of Blair's frontbench team moving to new jobs.

Blair said his Labor Party would revive ailing public services and squared up for the battle to come over the euro.

In a virtual rerun of its election victory four years ago, Labor swept aside a limp challenge from the opposition Conservative Party, whose leader William Hague fell on his sword and announced his resignation.

The only sour note for Blair was the feeble turnout, which at less than 60 percent was the worst since 1918, the product of widespread voter apathy.

Chastened by a campaign in which he was scolded for not delivering on his promises, Blair put in only the briefest of appearances at an election night party before knuckling down to his program of "radical reform."

After Queen Elizabeth II formally invited him to form the next government, Blair said: "It has been a remarkable and historic victory.

"But I am in no doubt as to what it means. It is a mandate for reform and investment in the future and it is also an instruction to deliver."

On Britain's relations with Europe, Blair spoke of "changes" that needed to be made. "These changes will not be easy," he added, in an apparent reference to the impending political battle over the euro.

Though he made no direct mention of the single currency, others interpreted his resounding victory as a sign he would press on with a referendum within two years.

The pound immediately weakened to a new 16-year low against the dollar at $1.3775, as financial markets anticipated the devaluation of sterling that would be needed before it could enter the euro-zone.

Across the Irish Sea though, European integration was suffering a setback as Ireland rejected the European Union's Treaty of Nice in a referendum which was marked by an unusually low turnout.

Blair's first act as re-elected prime minister was to call senior ministers into his office at Downing Street for a reshuffle.

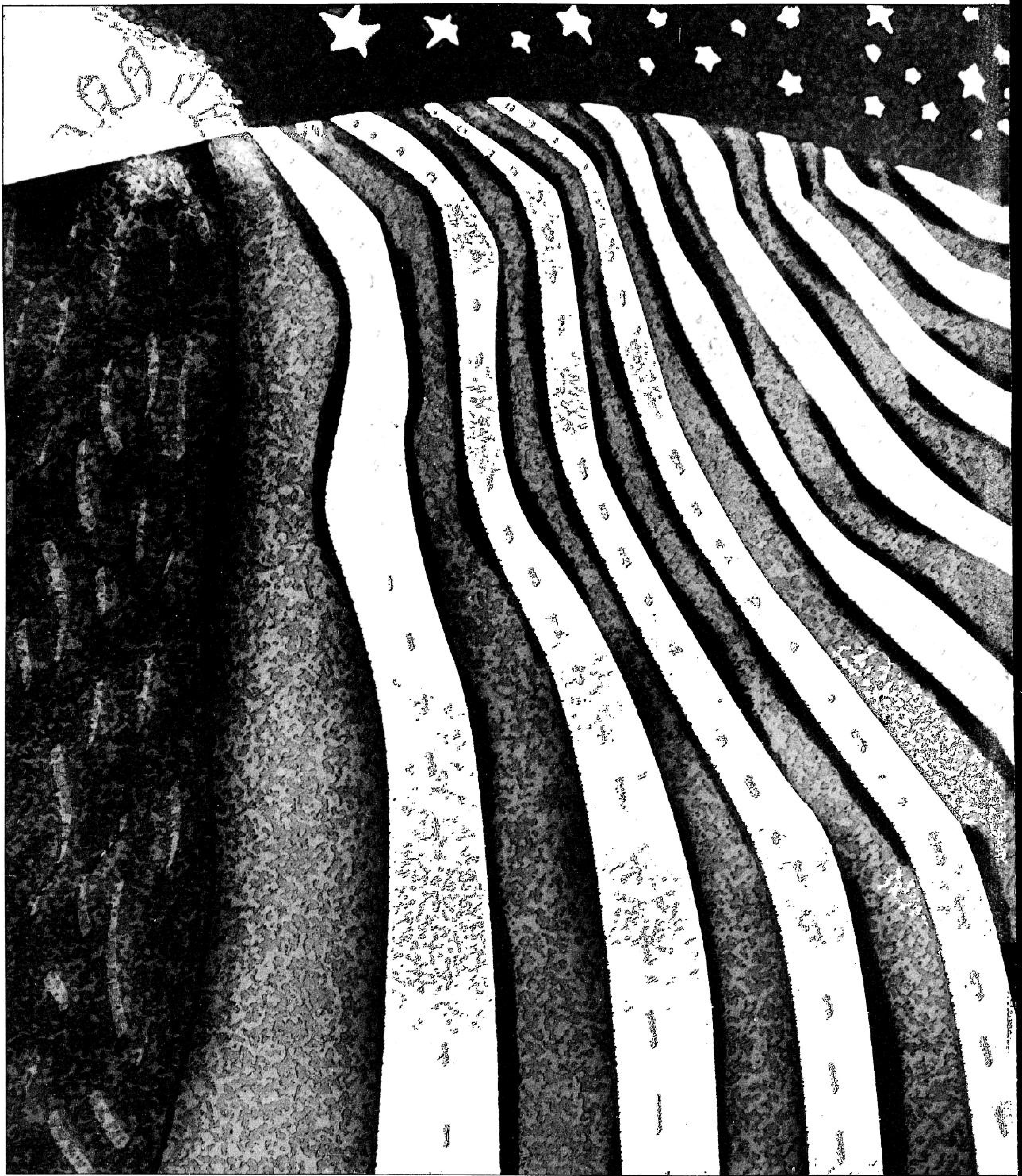
Cook, a leading supporter of euro membership, was demoted to leader of the House of Commons.

In other changes, Agriculture Minister Nick Brown, criticized over his handling of Britain's foot-and-mouth outbreak, was given a newly-created post as Minister for Work.

Labor won 413 seats in the 659-seat lower house of parliament. That left it with a majority of 167 over the Conservatives, only six fewer than in the last parliament.

The sheer scale of Blair's eclipse of the Tories meant he had secured a second full successive term in office, something which had eluded all previous Labor prime ministers. *AFP*

BLAIR



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Stunned Japan seeks answer to massacre

TOKYO—A stunned Japan, its myth of safety in tatters, was searching for answers yesterday after the brutal slaying of eight young school children by a former janitor with a history of mental illness.

Fifteen students and teachers were also injured on Friday when the 37-year-old mental patient went on a stabbing rampage at an elementary school in western Japan.

It was the nation's worst mass-killing since the 1995 subway nerve gas attack on Tokyo subways by the Aum Shinrikyo (Aum Supreme Truth) cult, which left 12 dead and thousands ill.

Friday's victims were mainly seven and eight year-old students at the school in Ikeda, a suburb of the western city of Osaka, Japan's second largest metropolitan area. Seven of those killed were girls and one was a six-year-old boy.

Two teachers were also injured, police said, including one 28-year-old man who was in critical condition and underwent emergency surgery after the attack.

TAKUMA

While school shootings, such the 1999 massacre at Columbine High School in Colorado, have become a grim part of life in the United States, random tragedy on such a scale is unheard of at Japanese schools.

"The shock of the incident will spread to all the nation's schools," said an editorial in the Asahi Shimbun newspaper. "Parents and children want schools to be places of safety.

"Even in Japan, whose social situation is quite different from that of the United States and Europe . . . it is vital to deepen debate about school safety," the newspaper said.

The tragedy began when the man, wielding a 28-cm knife, walked into a classroom in mid-morning and began to stab children in a rampage that police said lasted a little over 10 minutes.

Several children ran into a nearby supermarket yelling and crying for help, witnesses said.

"One of the boys, whose back was stained with red blood, fell in front of the cashier. He was pale and did not speak a word," a shop clerk told a television reporter.

Police were holding in custody Mamoru Takuma, who they said had previously undergone treatment for schizophrenia and who told them that on the day of the incident he had taken 10 times his usual dosage of anti-depressants.

Japanese media took the unusual step of identifying the suspect due to the gravity of the case and his statements to the police. Under a policy observed by most Japanese media, suspects with records of mental illness are usually not identified.

Media said that the suspect had previously been arrested for allegedly putting tranquilizers in tea which he gave to teachers at a school where he was employed as a janitor.

He was not brought to trial because of his mental illness and instead was hospitalized, media said, adding that the suspect had a history of trouble with the police.

Police said the suspect told them he wanted to suffer the death penalty for his crime.

"I was fed up with everything," police quoted him as saying, adding that he had previously attempted to commit suicide.

"I want to be put to death."

Voicing deep concern over rising crime rates, Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi vowed on Friday to do whatever he could to restore safety to Japan's schools and streets.

"The safe society is crumbling. We must think of ways to deal with this problem," Koizumi told reporters.

Japan has been hit by a rise in high-profile violent crimes, many committed by teenagers. There has also been an increase in incidents in which students' safety has been threatened when strangers easily gained access to school premises. *Reuters*

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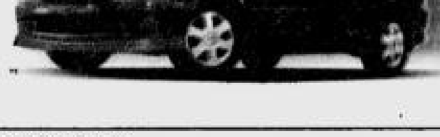

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AMA is RP's Best ICT School – CHED

The AMA Education System (AMAES) composed of the AMA Computer College (AMACC), AMA Computer Learning Center (ACLC) and the AMA Telecommunications and Electronics Center (AMATEL) is ranked as the Number 1 Information and Communication Technology (ICT) school in the Philippines. This is according to the recent survey conducted by Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Commissioner Manuel D. Punzal. According to his research findings AMA is the best among the schools that offer ICT education in the country, even besting all the other top universities.

AMA Founder Dr. Amable R. Aguiluz V was very pleased with the AMA ranking saying, "It is a great honor for AMA to be recognized as the Number 1 ICT school in the Philippines by no less than the government office which has the most credibility in ranking schools in the tertiary level," referring to CHED. Today, AMA has grown into an educational system that counts more than 60 colleges and 140 learning centers all over the Philippines in its network of educational institutions.

The results of the survey were presented by the (CHED) during the 4th Higher Education National Congress held just last May 17, 2001 at the Manila Midtown Hotel in a report delivered by Dr. Punzal entitled "The State and Direction of Information and Communications Technology Education in Philippine Tertiary Education".

Peer-to-Peer Nominations

The survey was fashioned as a **"Peer To Peer Nominations"** where 217 respondent schools distributed over CHED's nationwide network ranked the leading educational institutions offering ICT education including themselves, if applicable, answering to the criteria on quality of infrastructure and the teaching-learning process. The respondents had to rank the schools from 1-5 where 1 is the highest and 5 is the lowest.

Most of the respondents, 83.26 percent of the total, came from the private higher education institutions (HEIs) and 16.74 percent from the state universities and colleges (SUCs). The questionnaires were accomplished mostly by school presidents from both sectors, followed by administrative directors and deans, usually the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) heads.

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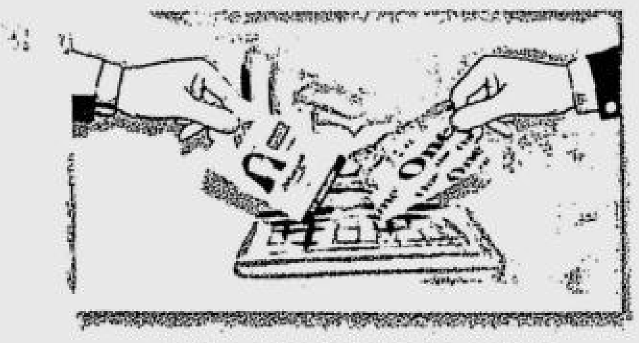

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DECS and Johnson & Johnson celebrate full year of advancing women's health

Diosdado C. Salvador, President of Johnson & Johnson ASEAN Group of Companies (center) during the the Millennium School Health and Nutrition Forum in Baguio City.

The need to educate the public on the many issues regarding women's health has always been an important concern. This is because a woman's health and welfare also affect the lives of other individuals who rely on her as a mother, wife, worker, and employee. But before women can be given the proper care that they deserve, their unique needs must first be fully understood.

This increasing clamor for a more in-depth understanding of women's health has prompted the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS) to embark on the ***School-based Women's Health Program***, an extensive education program set-up in partnership with Johnson & Johnson ASEAN Consumer Group of Companies.

Now celebrating its first anniversary, this pioneering effort marks the first time that serious attention is focused on the health of the girl-child, female adolescents and adult women.

The program was launched last year via signing of a Memorandum of Agreement between DECS and Johnson & Johnson. During the launch, then DECS Secretary Bro. Andrew Gonzalez recognized the need for a viable health program for female teachers and stated that "among female students, the project fulfills the need for a program that will complement their health consciousness and enhance the school's education program. Incorporating this program in the education system is a ground-breaking idea that will further increase understanding of this very important issue, as school plays a significant role in guiding today's young people."

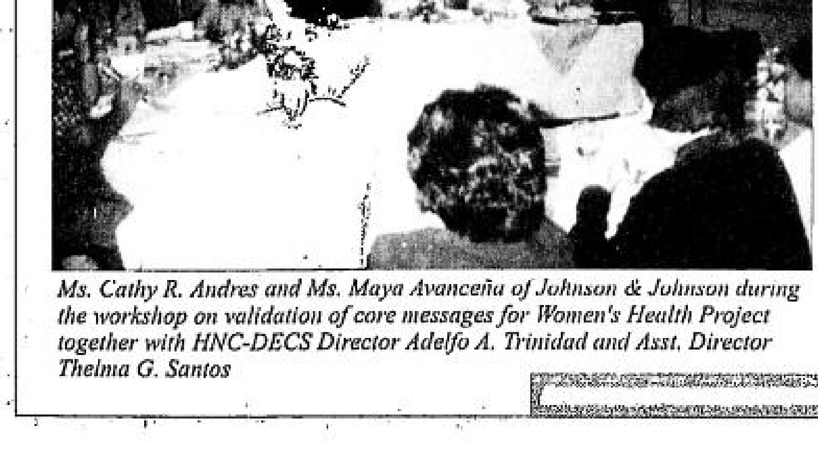
Johnson and Johnson ASEAN Group of Companies President Diosdado C. Salvador reiterated this point during the launch by stating that "the school plays an important role in guiding women and helping them become healthy and productive individuals. That is why we at Johnson and Johnson are very proud to be instrumental to this program."

Awarding the prize to Region VI winner Emolyn A. Corteza (leftmost) were HNC-DECS Director Dr. Adelfo A. Trinidad, (rightmost) HNC-DECS Asst. Director Thelma G. Santos (second from left) , and Consultant for Johnson & Johnson ASEAN Group of Companies Cathy R. Andres.

Regional winners in the Search for Division Superintendent with Best Iniatives for Women's Health Promotion.

With the program, DECS and Johnson & Johnson aim not only to educate the public on the issue of women's health, but also provide health and nutritional services to ensure that women lead healthier lives. They also become better equipped to make informed decisions regarding their health.

The ***School-based Women's Health Program*** has four components: Health and Nutrition Service Delivery, that involves treatment, consultation, counseling, feeding and treatment of emergency cases; Information and Education, which includes development of instructional materials and information dissemination programs; Capability Building covering workshops, seminars and training programs for teachers, school health and nutrition personnel; and Monitoring, Research and Evaluation, the final component that involves periodic assessment of the success and effectiveness of the project.


Ms. Cathy R. Andres and Ms. Maya Avanceña of Johnson & Johnson during the workshop on validation of core messages for Women's Health Project together with HNC-DECS Director Adelfo A. Trinidad and Asst. Director Thelma G. Santos

Dr. Adelfo A. Trinidad, DECS School Health and Nutrition Center Director, and Thelma G Santos, Assistant Director, during the Workshop on "Validation of Core message for Women's Health Project"

To ensure consistency in its message, DECS and Johnson & Johnson conducted a Workshop on the Development of Core Messages participated in by educators from different schools. The second workshop was about the revision of the eleven core messages for the project, which will serve as the main reference in the development of support instructional and informative materials to be utilized in the school and community activities.

A third workshop on finalization of core messages was held the week after, participated in by the writers consisting of principals, head teachers and supervisors from different schools, teachers from elementary and secondary level, and representatives from the Philippine Information Agency. The workshop lasted for a week, after which they submitted all the outputs with the lesson plan, sourcebook and consumer health education materials to be used as instructional materials. These will be incorporated in the school subjects for elementary and second level.

Participants during the "Finalization of Core Messages for School-Based Women's Health Project" workshop

The ***Millennium Search for School Division Superintendents with Best Initiatives for Women's Health Promotion*** was also held. The search aimed to promote high level of awareness on the importance of girls'/women's health and to strengthen the commitment of schools in the effective implementation of strategies addressing the needs and concerns of women. The search covers all DECS School Division Superintendents in the country and is a vital component of the DECS-Johnson & Johnson School-based Women's Health Program.

Culminating activity was an awarding ceremony held last October 2000 in conjunction with the ***Millennium School Health and Nutrition Congress*** at the Teachers Camp in Baguio City. A total of fifteen School Superintendents, each representing a region, were recognized for their consistent advocacy, comprehensive leadership, team management skills and commitment to uplift the health and well-being of the female teaching personnel and students. Part of the prize was a P40,000 from DECS-Health and Nutrition Center for priming-up activities for women's health promotion.

The winners were well deserving of this recognition, having come up with innovative projects addressing women's needs. Most of these projects focused on feminine health and hygiene, adolescence awareness and information, breast cancer, feeding programs, sexually transmitted diseases, medical and dental services, laboratory equipment, and other health-related concerns.

With the modules and instructional materials ready, the project was well on its way. A regional try-out of the modules was initiated to determine the appropriateness of the developed concepts and lessons, the adequacy of each material's content, and the adaptability of the strategies. A try-out was also necessary to gather the perceptions and reactions of the teachers as to the comprehensiveness of the source book and lesson plan of the project.

The try-out was held in Butuan City in Mindanao, Mandaue City in the Visayas, and Dagupan City in Luzon. In these three areas, classes using the modules were held in both elementary and secondary schools, with representatives from both private and public schools acting as evaluators. Using different teaching methods, the teachers went through the modules with real students while evaluators observed and noted the students' reactions to the subject matter.

The evaluators agreed that the try-out was a success, primarily due to the strong ties and cooperation of the regional officers and school superintendents. They also concluded that monitoring of the module greatly enhances the capabilities of school administrators, teachers, and nutrition personnel in the implementation of the ***School-based Women's Health Project*** this coming school year.

School principals, supervisors, guidance counselors and teachers from elementary and secondary levels during the first workshop.

Such positive reaction boosted DECS and Johnson & Johnson's confidence in the program, consequently prompting the DECS to issue a memorandum declaring **March 30** as "DECS - J & J Women's Health Awareness Day."

With a successful year behind them, DECS and Johnson & Johnson look forward to the next four years of the project knowing that their mission will greatly help improve the lives not only of women but also of the general public. Because educating the public on women's unique needs not only benefits the female members of the society, but ultimately those individuals who rely on her as she performs her numerous roles as a young woman, wife and mother. As it is, advancing the cause of women's health is a significant part in the empowerment not only of women but also the masses.

Present during the DECS- Johnson & Johnson MOA signing last year were (seated, from left): DECS Health & Nutrition Director Dr. Adelfo A. Trinidad, Johnson & Johnson ASEAN Group of Companies President Diosdado C. Salvador, former DECS Secretary Bro. Andrew Gonzales, Grace R. Castaño, Catherine R. Andres; (standing, from left): Dr. Thelma Navarrez, Thelma G. Santos, Fe Hidalgo, Bartolome Carale, Santiago Robles, Samantha Sotto-Yambao, and Victor Andres Manhit.

Across the NATION

TONY BERGONIA, Assistant Editor

ROUNDUP

Baguio compost plant

BAGUIO CITY—The Japanese government will build a compost plant at a dump in Barangay Irisan here in a bid to recycle the city's garbage. Romeo Concio, head of the Baguio general services office, said the Jaime V. Ongpin Foundation and the Alay sa Kalinisan have received P4.3 million from the Japanese Embassy and the presidential social fund to help solve the city's worsening garbage problem. The compost plant will be built on a 2.5-hectare lot and is scheduled to operate in September. *Desiree Caluza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Loren influence

BAGUIO CITY—Sen. Loren Legarda said a lot of people had been telling her that it was her influence that helped Noli de Castro, her former colleague at ABS-CBN, to win a Senate seat. "I am happy that he won and I am happy that he is the topnotcher. Some people said I have an influence on him. If I have inspired other people to do good, then I am happy for them," she told a press forum here last week. "(But) winning is one thing and working hard and performing in the Senate is another. We should all buckle down to work now," she said. *Desiree Caluza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

2 killed in explosion

BOCAUE, Bulacan—A makeshift firecracker factory in Barangay Binang 1st here exploded Sunday, killing two workers and seriously injuring two others. Killed instantly were Arnold Lumabad, 19, and Joel Reyes, 24, while Rogie Balangkit and a certain Felix suffered severe injuries and were taken to a hospital. SPO3 Osias Lovite of the Bocaue police said the workers were mixing chemicals for pyrotechnic products when these suddenly sparked and exploded. Damage was placed at P70,000. *Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

Collision kills woman

SAN MANUEL, Isabela—A woman was killed while 13 others were hurt Sunday when a car collided with a *kuliglig* (hand tractor) along the national highway here. Killed was Lulu Ragasa, 19, of District 3 here and a passenger of the *kuliglig*. Police said the Honda Civic car driven by Adrian Pagalilauan, 24, was overtaking another vehicle when it hit the *kuliglig*. *Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Man slain before son

LUCENA CITY—An unidentified gunman killed a man in front of his son and partner early Sunday at the Green Meadows Subdivision here. Police said the fatality, Azer Zapanta, 40, died on the spot with multiple bullet wounds in the body. Police said the victim, his partner Rowena Mission, 21, and son Eduardo, were walking on a street of the subdivision when the assailant approached him from behind and shot him with a 9-mm pistol. *Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Suspected robbers slain

DUMAGUETE CITY—Two suspected robbers were killed in a shootout with police early Monday inside the St. Paul College campus in Barangay Buñao here. Killed were Raymund Tornandezo, 38, of Barangay Batinguel here, and his still unidentified companion. Chief Insp. Rey Lyndon Lawas, acting city police chief, said three other suspects escaped. Lawas said the school's security guard alerted the police about 2:30 a.m. that five armed men were removing the iron grills of the school's business section. When the lawmen arrived, an exchange of gunfire ensued, Lawas said. *Romy G. Amarado, PDI Visayas Bureau*

6 NPA rebels killed

TACLOBAN CITY—Six communist rebels were killed in an encounter with Army soldiers on Monday in an interior village in Las Navas town, Northern Samar. The bodies of the rebels, who remained unidentified, were turned over to officials of Barangay Cuenco. Col. Rafael Romero, head of the Army's 803rd Infantry Brigade based in Catarman, said 10 soldiers were patrolling Cuenco when they were fired upon by at least 14 New People's Army rebels. After a 15-minute shootout, the rebels fled on motorcycles, leaving behind their fallen comrades. The soldiers recovered two M-16 rifles, a Garand rifle and rebel documents. *Cynthia A. Borgueta, PDI Visayas Bureau*

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Central and Southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country wil be partly cloudy to at times cloudy with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms mostly in the afternoon or evening.

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BODY LANGUAGE

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Raising sugarcane stalks, farmers of the Task Force Mapalad in Negros Occidental, call for the ouster of Agrarian Reform Secretary Hernani "Nani" Braganza for alleged incompetence and lack of political will to implement genuine land reform during a protest in front of the DAR office on Thursday in Bacolod City.

Insurgency seen as 'big business'

CLARK SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE—The membership of the communist movement in Central Luzon, although fragmented, has increased by 7 percent in the last three years, Maj. Gen. Ernesto Carolina, commanding general of the Philippine Army's 7th Infantry Division, said.

However, Carolina downplayed the "modest trend," saying the insurgency, reduced to not over 1,500 armed guerrillas and urban partisans, was growing because it has "become a big business."

"Anything that makes money, they tax," he said of the regional committees of the 32-year-old Communist Party of the Philippines and its breakaway group, the three-year-old Marxist-Leninist Party of the Philippines.

He told reporters in a press conference here that Central Luzon, where businesses thrive, continued to be one of the main sources of logistics and funding of the CPP and its armed wing, the New People's Army.

In Central Luzon, as well as in Aurora, some parts of Pangasinan, Nueva Vizcaya and Isabela, communists "infiltrate businesses, undermine industries and blackmail them so that they can get money," Carolina said.

What communist factions consider revolutionary taxes, he called "extorted money."

"In fact, in areas like Central Luzon, the insurgency has become a business enterprise despite the fact that the (rebel force) has been reduced from 25,000 (fighters in 1988, nationwide) with some 15,000 firearms to a little over 7,000 and some 6,000 firearms (last year)," he said.

The communist factions, according to him, fight over territories because of the collections.

"It's really big money," said Carolina, who was at the Air Force City here Thursday noon to welcome the 56th Infantry Battalion's 500 soldiers who rejoined the 7th ID based in Fort Magsaysay, Nueva Ecija.

The battalion spent three years in communist-affected provinces of Mindanao.

He said groups in the region had been raising an average of P20 million per month which, he added, was at par with or a little lower than what was collected in the prosperous Calabarzon (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal and Quezon) areas.

"In some areas like Bulacan, *pati sa jueteng kumokotong na sila diyan* (they even extort money from jueteng operators). *Talagang* where there is money, they are there," he said.

Citing the accounts and complaints of rebels who have surrendered, Carolina said corruption has turned serious in communist organizations.

For example, he said, there was "conjugal control" of money in CPP guerrilla fronts because, often, the political officer is married to the military commander.

Carolina said he suspected that the NPA had gone into legitimate businesses, transferring large funds through the liberal banking system.

Although the collections have grown over the years, the allowances of guerrillas have diminished, he noted, citing reports of rebels who had returned to the fold of the government.

The collections, according to him, were also used to purchase firearms to replenish those lost in encounters. In the last six months, the NPA in the region has lost more than 40 high-powered guns, Carolina said.

He said the Philippine Army was determined to nip the growth of the local communist movement by stopping the incursion of rebels in communities through coordination with peace councils in local governments and through the recruitment of militiamen

The NPA continued to be the government's main target, he said. He added that the Rebolusyonaryong Hukbong Bayan was an "easier problem to tackle" because it was "not as well entrenched and as strong as the mainstream (group) in terms of ideology." *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

Execs to serve as 'economic eng'rs'

DAVAO CITY--New governors and mayors will assume new roles as "economic engineers" to generate local cash inflow when they start their official duties on July 1.

"The country needs to generate additional wealth from within. The LGUs (local government units) must move funds to help small and cottage industries. They must make funds available to micro-industries," said Interior Secretary Jose Lina.

Lina said the newly elected governors and mayors would undergo training for the government's new thrust in addition to their usual responsibilities as chief executives.

Emphasis will be given on helping small businesses and cooperatives draft their own programs that would push for economic development, more so as the world economy was undergoing a recession, Lina said.

"It is a paradigm shift. The LGUs can go into a joint business venture with the private sector, put up a corporation together with farmers and the Landbank to help farmer's cooperatives," he told a press conference here Friday.

"The Filipinos must generate wealth from within rather than wait for foreign loans or grants," he added.

Funds should be loaned to small and micro industries at minimal interest rate, which they could not avail themselves of in commercial banks, he said.

"It is not a dole-out. We must move funds to support entrepreneurship program. This is better than being dependent on foreign funds," Lina said.

This means that the LGUs must set aside a bigger amount of funds for economic development programs, he said.

"It is not an imposition but an appeal to buttress direct contact with the governors and mayors," he said.

He said it was time for the LGUs to give attention to the creation of business activities and the promotion of businesses.

"Foreign investments are not coming because the world economy has slowed down," he added.

Lina said local leaders must work out a policy that would minimize, if not eliminate, red tape and corruption in the local government, particularly in the issuance of permits.

Ayan C. Mellejor, PDI Mindanao Bureau

No Maguindanao proclamations yet

COTABATO CITY—Winning candidates in Maguindanao will not be proclaimed unless pending petitions related to their victories, which are lodged before the Commission on Elections in Manila, are decided upon.

This was stressed by Clarita Callar, Comelec director for Central Mindanao, on Friday after some 2,000 protesters criticized her and acting Maguindanao elections supervisor Wynne Asdala for tolerating alleged biases by the municipal board of canvassers (MBC).

Placard-bearing residents of Parang town on Thursday blocked portions of the Cotabato-Marawi highway, insisting that they will leave only if acting municipal poll officer and MBC chair Rowaina Sayadi is relieved.

Sayadi, they claimed, was bent on proclaiming the winning candidates.

They agreed to disperse at 10 p.m. Thursday only after Callar assured them that there would be no proclamation of local winners unless petitions filed by lawyers of the aggrieved parties before the Comelec central office have been resolved.

Charlie C. Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Groups oppose bill on Kanlaon buffer area

BACOLOD CITY—Environment groups in Negros Occidental are urging President Macapagal-Arroyo not to sign into law a newly ratified bill establishing a 169-hectare buffer area inside the Mt. Kanlaon National Park (MKNP) for geothermal exploration, development and utilization.

In a joint statement, the Save Mt. Kanlaon Task Force and the Eco-Alert Network vowed to flood Malacañang with position papers and e-mail matters expressing their opposition to the bill.

They called on the senators to recall the bill, pointing out that a primary growth forest exists inside the buffer area, which will diminish once there is geothermal exploration.

"Kanlaon is non-negotiable" for any exploration because the MKNP is a watershed area of Negros Occidental, the groups said.

"It is also home to flora and fauna that can only be found in Negros," they said.

Any geothermal exploration would threaten the major source of potable water and irrigation to "agriculturally driven Negros," they added.

The 25,000-hectare MKNP is one of the few surviving national parks in the country. Inside the park is the 2,465-meter Kanlaon volcano, considered to be the highest peak in the Visayas.

Congress on Wednesday ratified the bill that declares Kanlaon a protected area and establishes 169 hectares within MKNP as "buffer zone," which can be opened for geothermal exploration, development and utilization. *Carla P. Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau*

DAR to stop land distribution in Camarines

PILI, Camarines Sur—Due to budget cuts, the Department of Agrarian Reform is suspending the distribution this year of some 3,500 hectares of land in Camarines Sur.

Eliezer Reuyan, provincial agrarian reform officer, said the DAR had to reduce the lands targeted for distribution this year from 10,500 hectares to 6,000 hectares because of limited funds for travel and processing of land titles.

Jun Alsislo, budget and finance officer of the province, said the "maintenance and operation" allotment of the DAR office here was cut to P3.2 million from P9.1 million in 2000.

Alsislo said drastic cuts were made for incentives, meetings in restaurants or hotels, supplies and materials and gasoline allocation.

Employees are still allowed to travel with P500 monthly allowances, but the accomplishment incentive given to field workers has been scrapped, he said.

The budget cut has triggered the mass layoff of casual employees and the reduction of fieldwork by employees tasked to follow up land reform beneficiaries and of the survey teams, Reuyan said.

Only half of the targeted land reform area in Camarines Sur has been distributed as of April, 13 years since the government's Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program was started.

But this figure would be reduced further if the timberland portions were deducted from the records.

DAR documents on the number of hectares of land titled and distributed contained errors because a significant portion of timberland was included, he said.

Reuyan said the department would "cleanse" the documents and deduct the timberland areas in the record of titled lands distributed to farmer-beneficiaries. *Juan Escandor Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Navy patrol nabs 9 Viet fishers off Palawan isle

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—A Philippine Navy patrol arrested nine Vietnamese fishermen on board a boat 29 nautical miles off Mapun Island, Palawan, on May 30.

The crew of the BRP Quezon under Lt. Cmdr. John Eco turned over the Vietnamese and their vessel to the Philippine National Police Maritime Command on June 6.

Supt. Jacinto Dino, provincial police director, said the Navy ship was on regular patrol when it intercepted the fishing boat.

Dino identified those arrested as Nguyen Van Hai, 38, boat skipper; Dhun Van Tec, 30; Tram Dihn, 31; Nguyen Tuan Hai, 25; Huyn Van Hieu, 34; Jo Van Din, 27; Pham Van Sac, 31; Vo Thanh Tung, 32; and Tran Ngoc Hun, 29.

Their vessel, 15 meters long and four meters wide, is now anchored at the Puerto Princesa City pier.

The Vietnamese refused to talk with the INQUIRER through an interpreter.

Dried shark skin and meat were seen on board the vessel.

The provincial committee on illegal entrants is preparing charges of violation of Section 46 of Commonwealth Act 613 (illegal entry) and Section 87 of Republic Act 8550 or the Fisheries Code against the Vietnamese.

On the same day, members of the PNP Maritime Station 4A-04 arrested 34 Chinese fishermen on board two fishing vessels off Rizal, Palawan.

The maritime policemen were searching the Palawan seas in search of Abu Sayyaf bandits who abducted 20 people from the Dos Palmas Resort. *Geraldford Ticke, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Bombed away: A Banwaon story

BY MA. KRISTINA E. CASSION
Butuan City

"LALAAAANG!" Dina Galleno shouted for her daughter above the ear-splitting noise of a bomb dropped a few meters away from their house.

As Lalang screamed her response, crying desperately for her mother, another loud hiss and boom was heard. Everywhere, there was mayhem: husbands and wives scrambled to get out of their houses, straddling their children and what little possession they could carry on their backs.

All the families in Sitio Minlinaw, Barangay Balit, San Luis, Agusan del Sur, gathered at the center of the sitio near Datu Mampaliyaw's house, contemplating what to do. In their panic, all they could ever think about was to flee to the forests.

But Paul Badbaran, their *purok* president, reasoned out to them, "*Duda kay kita makaon* (We will only starve there)." After almost an hour of convincing, Paul succeeded in pacifying the others.

Finally, they decided to wait for instructions from the municipal government in case it would declare their place a "no man's land." If it did, then they would have had no choice but to evacuate.

The loud booms they heard were no leftovers from the New Year festivities or from any fiesta celebrations. These were two of the 79 bombs that hit the Banwaon territory of San Luis in a military operation against New People's Army guerrillas allegedly based in the area.

From April 26 to May 7, troops from the 62nd, 36th, 28th and 20th Infantry Battalions forming Task Force Diamond occupied their territory. Tribal leaders perceived the operation as one of the largest so far with the troops estimated to number 300 or more, and supported by artillery and armored personnel carriers.

Of the 79 artillery shells recovered, 45 came from 105-mm howitzers, 10 from 90RRs (recoilless rifles) and 24 from 81-mm mortars.

The military operation affected the general area of Barangay Balit, the largest Banwaon territory.

Despite the heavy artillery shelling, no NPA camp was destroyed and no rebel was captured. Instead, it hit farming areas and destroyed civilian houses.

Casualties

A *camote* (sweet potato) farm in Sitio Minlinaw was hit. In Sitios Sta. Rita and Km. 30 of the Side 1 logging road, three houses were razed, while two bombs nearly hit a school in nearby Sitio Nahumpag.

Residents said three persons died while five others were wounded in the shelling children were traumatized.

At least four children from Sitio Minlinaw had to be taken to the Religious of the Good Shepherd (RGS) clinic in Doqa Flavia for shock-related illnesses.

When news of the military operation broke out in the local media, Maj. Johnny Macanas, spokesperson of the Army's 4th Infantry Division based in Cagayan de Oro City, at first denied that such military operation was conducted.

Two days after he issued the statement over a local radio station, a fact-finding mission was organized on May 7 by local members of Karapatan, Promotion of Church People's Response in Northern Mindanao, the Diocese of Butuan and other concerned groups and individuals.

Results of the investigation showed that aside from artillery shelling, the Banwaons were harassed, gravely threatened and their properties divested and destroyed, and that a food blockade was imposed.

When the results were presented, Macanas, in an interview, admitted this time that there was a military operation. He, however, challenged the Banwaons to file their complaints before the Commission on Human Rights and reiterated his accusation that the *lumads* were either members of the NPA or were NPA supporters.

Caught in the middle of this tug of war between the NPA and the Armed Forces, the Banwaons could only appeal to the military not to harm the civilians if it is the rebels they were after.

Over the years, the Banwaons have suffered much from military operations. Since the late 1980s, military operations have become a yearly event, except for two to three years. Many Banwaons, including children, have their own war stories and experiences to tell.

To this day, as they live their simple ways, they could not quite help themselves but pause and shudder as they recall this recent intrusion to their otherwise peaceful existence. The recent military operation will always be another war story for them to tell.

A BANWAON woman evacuee (left photo) comforts her child; (right photo) a tribesman points at bombed area in his village. MA. KRISTINA E. CASSION

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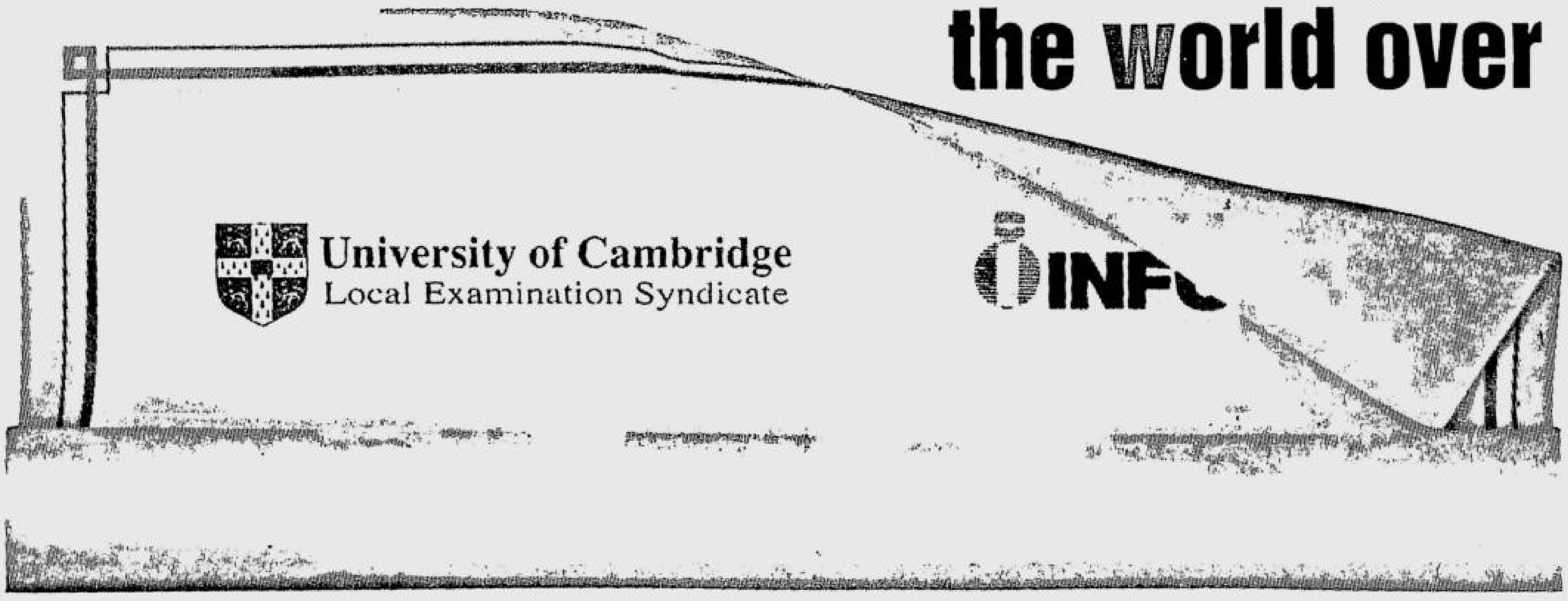

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Sandiganbayan rejects house arrest for Estrada

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of deliberations.

Two of the three justices, Teresita Leonardo-de Castro and Justice Ricardo Ilarde, issued separate concurring opinions.

"The news sure ruined my weekend," Estrada lawyer Raymond Fortun said in a phone interview yesterday. He did not say what the defense team planned to do next.

Interior Secretary Jose Lina said the police had 10-15 days to implement the order to return the Estradas to the Laguna detention center—that is, if Estrada's lawyers do not file any motion for reconsideration.

Constitutional violation

The Sandiganbayan said there was no basis in the Constitution or in law to allow Estrada, who is facing capital charges of plunder and graft, to be held under house arrest.

In explaining that it had no choice, the court said: "To do otherwise, to grant the prayer for 'house arrest' was not authorized by law, would be a violation of the Constitution, a violation of the Rules of Court," the justices said.

"*Walang mayaman, walang mahirap, walang malakas, walang mahina, pantay-pantay tayong lahat*," they added.

The court said that under the law, the Estradas should be confined at the Quezon City jail.

However, it added, Fort Sto. Domingo in Laguna is "the most suitable detention place for the accused on account of its secured environment."

Tunnel vision

The court cited the violent attempt by a crowd of his supporters to prevent his arrest in April and the riot they staged at Malacañang on May 1 in a bid to re-install him.

It said that allowing Estrada and his son to be detained in their mansion at No. 1 Polk Street in North Greenhills would be "inimical to the national interest, destroys the tranquility of the neighborhood (and is) an invitation to greater disturbance."

"Confining (the Estradas in) North Greenhills, a known enclave of the rich, while the rest of our detention prisoners literally jostle for space in our overcrowded jails, will further dramatize the 'great divide' between rich and poor in our society," it said.

The court, which is due to arraign Estrada on June 27, even cited the fear that his supporters would dig a tunnel to his house to spirit the ex-President and his son out.

"One morning everyone wakes up to find the detainees gone," the tribunal said.

INC head calls Nani

Iglesia ni Cristo head Eraño Manalo phoned Justice Secretary Hernando Perez on Friday night while the court was deliberating, a reliable source told the INQUIRER.

In arguing the case for house arrest, Estrada's lawyers cited the stand of the INC leadership, saying that house arrest would be "acceptable" to the politically powerful sect.

Critics of the proposal have accused the Macapagal administration of striking a deal with influential pro-Estrada groups like the 5-million-strong INC, but the Palace has flatly denied the charge.

The speculations were fueled by reports that Perez and other Macapagal emissaries met with Manalo during Edsa III, after which the INC directed its members, whose numbers had swelled the huge pro-Estrada crowd at the Edsa Shrine, to leave the rally.

If he were a woman

The justices deliberated well into the night, waking up a slumbering clerk of court after midnight Friday to read the decision to sleepy reporters in the wee hours.

The decision came after more than a month of deliberations on eight memoranda, manifestations and position papers filed by the Estradas' defense panel.

As the ninth ground for denying the petition, the court cited the case of internal revenue officer Dominga Manalili who was convicted of plunder.

The court said that under the equal protection clause, Estrada and Manalili should be treated equally, noting that Manalili was detained at the Quezon City jail before her conviction.

It claimed that if special treatment were granted, it should have been to Manalili because of her gender.

"The court believes that a woman has a greater claim to preferential treatment over a man, even if the latter is a former president," the court said.

"The essential dignity of being a woman conferred by nature itself stands higher in the totem pole of essential values than the social status conferred even by the highest Office of the President," it added.

No more annex?

The Estradas were arrested on April 25, and transferred to Sta. Rosa, Laguna, at the height of the bloody Labor Day march on the Palace. They were moved to the hospital before the May 14 elections.

The ex-President has personally appealed to his successor to grant his request to be moved to his house in Greenhills, but Ms Macapagal has repeatedly said that the decision lay in the hands of the Sandiganbayan.

But she has also said that she has no personal objection to his request.

In the last week of May, the President ordered a halt to a construction on a hospital annex which she had ordered built to house Estrada and Jinggoy, pending the ruling of the court. ***With reports from Volt Contreras, Juliet Javellana, Philip Tubeza, Andrea E. Trinidad; Inquirer wires***

Palace: Hardline stance on Abus stays

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Reacting to Senate President Aquilino Pimentel's observation Friday that the government seemed to be going soft on the bandits, National Security Adviser Roilo Golez said it continued to reject the Abu Sayyaf demand for a pullout of military troops in Basilan to pave the way for the hostages' release.

"The offensive continues. In fact, additional forces are being deployed... The military is pursuing the Abu Sayyaf because the (bandits) have the hostages—it is as simple as that," Golez told reporters.

In a forum at the Rembrandt Hotel in Quezon City, Press Secretary Noel Cabrera said the negotiations between the Abu Sayyaf and government-designated emissary William Castillo were meant only to open communication lines.

Castillo has reached "an understanding" with bandit spokesperson Abu Sabaya, according to the Agence France Presse.

"No, (the President is) not going soft. The position we've had from the very start was that there will be no ransom whatsoever and that we will (go) after the bandit group. That is still being done," Cabrera said, adding:

"Actually, negotiations are only in the sense of opening the channels of communication, in the sense of talking to them. We feel that this is important. But definitely not negotiations on ransom."

But Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr., vice chair of the Senate panel on national security and defense, said the Abu Sayyaf would "never respect negotiations."

In a phone interview, he recalled that at the height of last year's Sipadan hostage crisis, the Abu Sayyaf carried out its threat to kill Claretian priest Rhoel Gallardo even while negotiating with emissaries of the Estrada administration.

"Any softening is a loss," Magsaysay said, adding that it was important for the government to deliver a "strong" message that it had the will and resources to crush the Abu Sayyaf.

"We will just repeat our old mistakes (if we negotiate with the bandits)," he said. "We should continue to be firm and give them no quarter."

Senator-elect Edgardo Angara voiced support for the military offensive and said the government should seek international help.

"We should really mobilize the entire military. But we cannot do it alone. We need the help of other countries like the US or Malaysia. We should ask for their help. We cannot anymore afford to keep our pride," he said in a radio interview.

Angara said help could come in the form of state-of-the-art speedboats.

Sen. Rene Cayetano expressed understanding of the government's apparent new tack.

Cayetano told the INQUIRER that if the government was negotiating now, it was only because the President wanted to ensure the hostages' safety.

He said this was all right as long as the government did not yield to the bandits' demands.

But along with the negotiations, the military operations should continue, he said.

Castillo

Golez said Castillo was talking with the Abu Sayyaf only to secure the hostages' "unconditional release."

"I think (Pimentel) misinterpreted the tone of (Armed Forces spokesperson Brig. Gen. Edilberto) Adan," he said, referring to the latter's appeal Thursday to Sabaya to immediately contact Castillo and not to harm the hostages.

Adan aired the appeal over Radio Veritas shortly after Sabaya told Radio Mindanao Network (RMN) that his group would behead one of its three American hostages if the government failed to start negotiations and to pull out the troops in 72 hours.

"Tagalog is a very polite language. That's why (Adan) had to say '*po*' and '*pakiusap* (request).' It was a very firm statement, (but delivered) in a very polite way," Golez said.

According to Golez, Castillo and Sabaya had four phone conversations yesterday, mostly initiated by the latter.

Agence France Presse quoted Castillo as telling RMN that he had "a good talk" with Sabaya several times since Friday and that "we have reached an understanding."

He did not say if Sabaya was calling off the beheading threat, but said he would take up the bandits' demands.

Golez said Sabaya reiterated the 72-hour deadline to Castillo.

"But our reply is that the troops will not be pulled out. (The operations) will continue for as long as they have the hostages," Golez said.

The deadline expires today, but Golez said: "We are just listening. The troops will continue to be there for as long as they have the hostages. The President just notes the deadline."

But Golez warned the bandits against carrying out the threat.

"We are at peace with ourselves... We know that we have the highest moral ground, and whatever happens to the innocent victims will be their responsibility," he said.

Parents' appeals

The parents of two Filipino hostages, Lalaine Chua and Marife Rosadeño, yesterday issued emotional appeals for their children.

Lalaine's father Benito Chua broke into tears while appealing to her captors to allow her to speak over RMN the next time Sabaya called the station.

"If you're listening, Mr. Sabaya, I just want to hear my child's voice, for my peace of mind," Benito said in Filipino.

In Puerto Princesa, Marife's mother Virginia called on the government to restrain its moves against the Abu Sayyaf for the sake of the hostages' safety.

Virginia added: "If Abu Sabaya can hear me, I hope he will pity my daughter. We have no other means of support but she. I know he also has a heart. I hope he will release my daughter."

FBI agents

A group of Caucasians believed to be agents of the US Federal Bureau of Investigation slipped into Zamboanga City yesterday, witnesses said.

The foreigners did not appear to be tourists because they seemed to know their way around and were accompanied by their own guides.

Besides, the witnesses said, tourist arrivals had dwindled since the May 27 kidnapping of three Americans and 17 Filipinos from the Dos Palmas resort in Palawan.

The foreigners' arrival coincided with the visit of Presidential Assistant Jesus Dureza to Lamitan, Basilan, to distribute relief goods to residents displaced by the fighting between government troops and the Abu Sayyaf.

Southern Command spokesperson Col. Danilo Servando said Friday that the government would not allow the FBI to interfere in the military operations.

But Golez said yesterday that the presence of FBI agents in Zamboanga was "nothing abnormal" because it was standard operating procedure for the United States to gather information whenever their citizens were involved.

Joint teams of investigators from the Philippine National Police and the FBI actually arrived yesterday in the cities of Zamboanga and Puerto Princesa, according to reports reaching Camp Crame.

The reports said the teams had obtained aerial photos of the fighting in Lamitan and Tuburan, both in Basilan.

"The American team is among the best in the FBI's Evidence Recovery Unit, and it is now collating evidence for the prosecution of the Abu Sayyaf," said Chief Supt. Nestorio Gualberto, director of the PNP's Criminal Investigation and Detection Group.

The FBI agents also asked for copies of the statements given by Dos Palmas employees to local authorities and conducted interviews with the resort staff.

"This is in line with our expectations, as well as that of the United States, that sooner or later these bandits will be captured and brought to court for trial," Gualberto said. ***With reports from Dave M. Veridiano and Philip C. Tubeza in Manila; Alex Young and Julie Alipala-Inot, PDI Mindanao Bureau; Ruelle Albert D. Castro, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau; AFP***

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Macapagal woos, wows Chinoys

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darin of national hero Jose Rizal's novels "Noli Me Tangere" and "El Filibusterismo."

- Institute a Filipino-Chinese Friendship Day.
- Build a monument for Gen. Jose Ignacio Paua, a Chinese-Filipino who helped Filipino revolutionaries in the struggle against Spain.

The President said she wanted to learn Mandarin, and asked for a volunteer tutor.

Representatives of 100 groups belonging to the federation attended the dinner held at the Philippine International Convention Center.

Not to be outdone, the Chinese-Filipino Business Club said it would host a "grand salute to the Philippine flag" on Monday, which the President is also attending.

Ms Macapagal told those present at the Friday dinner that she failed to sign the naturalization law at a signing ceremony in Malacañang earlier that day because no printed copy was available.

She said that just before the end of the ceremony—wherein she signed the bills on power reform and the supplemental budget—the printed copy of the naturalization bill arrived and was signed by Senate President Aquilino Pimentel and Speaker Feliciano Belmonte.

To the applause of her hosts, she announced that she was signing it in front of them.

Under current laws, children born in the Philippines to foreign parents are considered citizens of their parents' countries.

Pivotal chapter

The President said the naturalization law was a "pivotal chapter" in the history of native-born aliens in the country.

It relaxes the citizenship requirements for qualified and deserving aliens and facilitates their integration into the mainstream of Philippine society, she pointed out.

"I understand the predicament of aliens born in the Philippines who find it difficult to share the spirit of nationhood when they deal with the government that has been half-hearted in making them citizens of the country that they want to serve," she said.

The President noted that although they were born and had continuously lived here, Chinese-Filipinos were being regarded and treated just like other aliens on the basis of their foreign parentage.

"If that individual can prove that he loves the Philippines as the land of his birth, that he acknowledges the responsibilities of Filipino citizenship, that he is willing to be a productive member of our society, and, more importantly, that he is willing to fulfill and respect the duties of a law-abiding citizen of this land, then he should be accepted with open arms as part of the Filipino nation," she said.

Ms Macapagal hailed the Chinese-Filipinos for their industry, perseverance, work ethic and concern for their less fortunate relatives.

Quoting an anthropologist, she said the Filipino was 80-percent Malay-Indonesian, 10-percent Chinese and 10-percent other races.

Now, she said, the "mathematical equation" had changed because Chinese-Filipinos were the biggest ethnic group in the country compared to Hispanic Filipinos, American Filipinos and Indian Filipinos.

Mandarin

Noting that the Philippine Constitution allows the teaching of Spanish and Arabic as optional languages in college, the President said "maybe we should also teach the Chinese language, particularly Mandarin, in our universities."

She observed that with some 1.2 billion Chinese, the Chinese language had become one of the most widely spoken in the world.

She said the CHED should promote foreign language education because of the emergence of a global economy and the accompanying fierce competition for jobs, enterprises and economic excellence.

"The modern Filipino should be able to speak other languages," she said, and raised as an example the multilingual Rizal.

"What I need now is a tutor of your language. I need a volunteer from among my Chinoy friends," she said.

In an earlier visit to Binondo, the President said she had Chinese blood because her husband, Jose Miguel Tuason Arroyo, was descended from Son-tua, a wealthy Chinese businessman during the Spanish era.

The landed Tuason clan, to which the First Gentleman belongs, traces its roots to Son-tua.

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CEBU CITY'S DEL MAR MAKES A STRONG BID AS PPC BET FOR SPEAKER

Cebu City's returning Rep. Raul Del Mar vowed yesterday to help maintain the high public standing of the House as a result of its historic role in the impeachment case if he is chosen the official candidate of the People Power Coalition for Speaker.

Del Mar, who served for three terms from 1987 to 1998, announced his bid for the speakership the other day to give his colleagues in the House an alternative choice for the top House post.

He said that he would press for a reformist Congress, truly a "House of Representatives of the People".

"The House must be led by a Speaker with a reformist legislative agenda as the House now stands on a high moral ground, an institution that people look up to with pride as a result of its historic role in the impeachment case," Del Mar said.

He expressed confidence in implementing the legislative agenda of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, especially that on poverty alleviation. He said that in his entire 11 years in the House, he has devoted most of his attention to easing the plight of the poor.

He is set to file a bill on a proposed Magna Carta for the Poor as soon as the 12th Congress convenes.

"I am confident that with the help of the new breed of congressmen committed to good governance and new politics, we can transform Congress into an instrument of the poor for poverty alleviation," Del Mar said.

Del Mar returned to the House with an overwhelming majority, garnering about 90 percent of the votes cast in his district, 84,000 votes ahead of his rival. In the same manner, Cebu delivered on its commitment to the President in the senatorial race, with only one non-administration candidate barging into the win column.

Congressman-elect Antonio Cuenco also of Cebu City, a former Speaker Pro Tempore, and Congressman-elect Exequiel Javier, a former Ways and Means Committee Chairman are rallying support for Del Mar.

"Congressman Del Mar is highly qualified to be the next Speaker. His integrity is beyond reproach. His stint in government has never been tainted by even the slightest hint of scandal," Cuenco said.

He also pointed out that Del Mar is hard-working and dedicated to his work.

"He is among the few congressmen who has a perfect attendance in three consecutive Congresses. He was also very active in committee and plenary deliberations, making him a true pride of the House," Cuenco said.

He noted that Del Mar was Head of the House Contingent to the Commission on Appointments and Vice Chairman of the bicameral body on his second and third terms. On his first term, he was Assistant Majority Leader. Del Mar was also the principal author of 29 laws and co-author of numerous vital legislations.

Incumbent Governor of Antique and Congressman-elect Javier said that Del Mar would be an ideal candidate for Speaker if the House is to pursue a reformist image.

"Del Mar is an ideal candidate for Speaker. He is not a trapo because of his orientation as a civic leader," Javier pointed out.

During his stint in the House, Del Mar was uncompromising in his stand against gambling and illegal drugs. He is the incumbent president of Cebu Jaycee Senate and Vice President of the Philippine Jaycee Senate. He was president for five years of the Cebu Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Regional Governor of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, President of the Rotary Club of Cebu East and the Cebu Jaycees.

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RP boxer captures bronze

BELFAST, Ireland—Team Caltex Philippines settled for a lone bronze medal Friday when Harry Tanamor lost to his Romanian foe in the World Amateur Boxing Championships here. The 19-year old Tanamor, bidding to at least duplicate the Philippines' best finish of a silver medal, absorbed a 25-20 decision from Romania Marian Velicu in their lightflyweight duel.

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Ward, Pals face Thunder; SMB scores

GAMES TODAY *(Araneta Coliseum)*
4:15 p.m. — Mobiline vs Red Bull
6:30 p.m. — Ginebra vs Purefoods

By Marc Anthony Reyes

CAN Jerrod Ward sustain the first impression he made?

Mobiline gets to know the answer today when it takes on Batang Red Bull in the PBA Commissioner's Cup at the Araneta Coliseum.

But if you'll ask Mobiline Phone Pals manager Frankie Lim, the 6-foot-7 former Michigan stalwart can even surpass his smashing debut last week where he scored 61 points, including 11 three-pointers, and grabbed 16 rebounds.

Lim, however, recognized the danger posed by Ward's imposing presence since the locals might rely only on their 25-year-old reinforcement and forget about their respective roles.

"With his brand of game, there's a tendency that the locals may just watch him on the court," said Lim. "But that's the challenge to our local crew. I believe the team has the maturity not to fall into complacency.

Barangay Ginebra and Purefoods gun for a first victory when they clash in the second game at 6:30 p.m.

Meanwhile, San Miguel Beer tied Alaska Milk for the top spot by beating Shell, 81-73, in their out-of-town game in Malolos, Bulacan last night. The Beermen thus posted their second straight win, while the Turbochargers dropped to 1-1.

In another development, Lim downplayed speculations about the return of Asi Taulava to the fold although he admitted that Mobiline lawyers have filed petition to open his case with the Bureau of Immigration.

Assisi rules Asian U tilt

By Dennis Eroa

SLOTMAN Yancy de Ocampo shone brightest as St. Francis of Assisi College frustrated Chinese Taipei University Sports Foundation, 82-72, yesterday and captured the 2nd Asian University Basketball Championship at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum.

Immovable at the post, the 6-foot-8 De Ocampo pumped in 13 straight points at the start of the fourth quarter which sapped the strength out of the spirited Taiwanese.

Chinese-Taipei was still ahead, 65-60, when De Ocampo started to assert himself in the shaded lane.

BAP president Tiny Literal, organizing committee chair Philip Ella Juico and Asian basketball legend Shin Dong-Pa graced the awarding ceremonies.

In the first game, College of St. Benilde downed Beijing Shougong, 62-57, and won third place. UM and FEU landed in fifth and sixth places, respectively.

Scores:

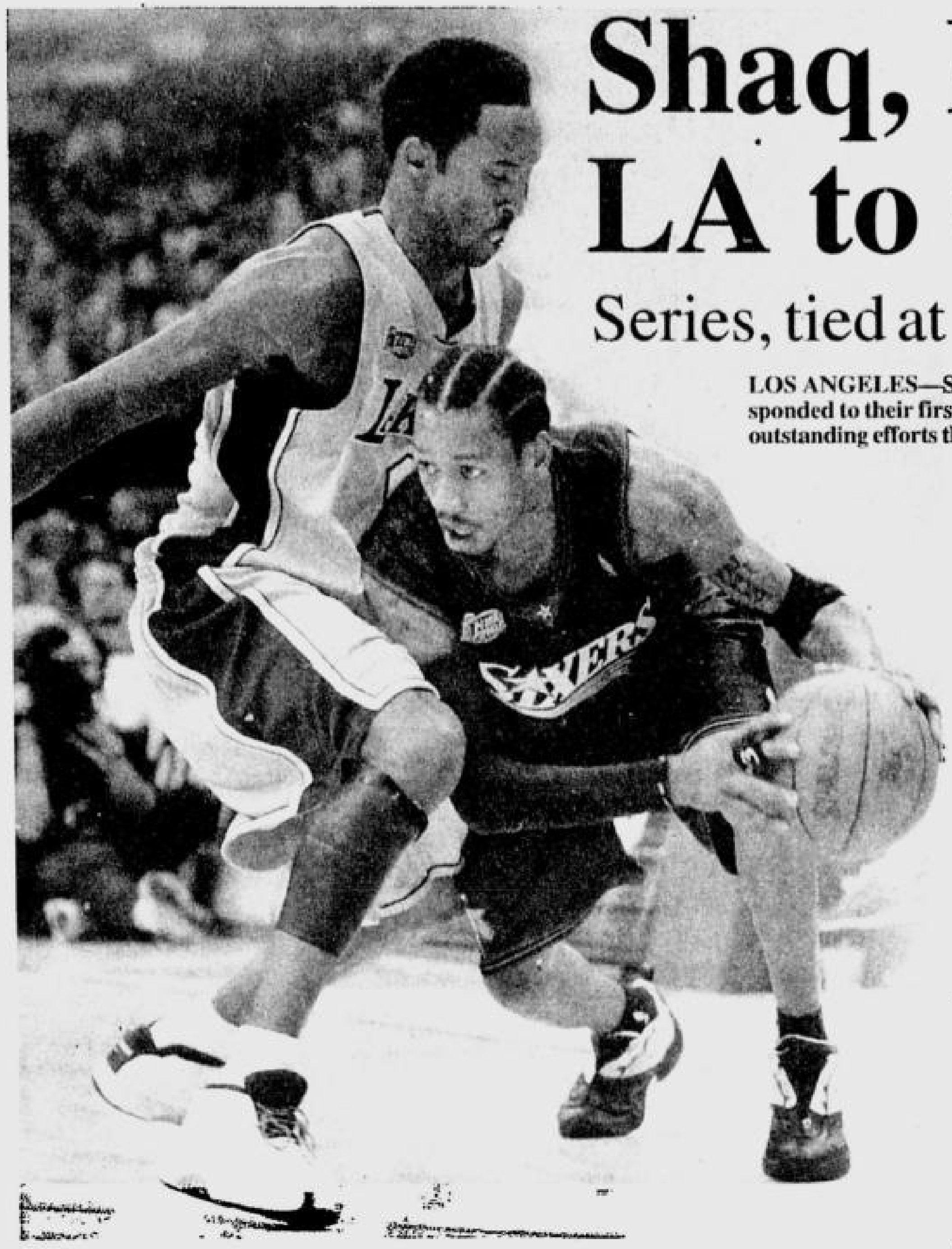
ST FRANCIS 82—De Ocampo 23, Labian 13, Vergara 13, Espino 10, De Ocampo 9, Sotto 6, Punzalan 4, Kiram 4, Billanes 0, Adrimessen 0.

CTUSF 72—Wu Chang C 15, Chang CF 15, Chein M Fu 12, Lin Che Wei 10, Chen Hui 7, Cheng En Chieh 4, Huang FS 4, Shang WF 3, Ha H Yuan 2, Cheng Ying Show 0.

Quarters: 21-17, 41-42, 60-65, 82-72 .

Shaq, Kobe power LA to Game 2 win

Series, tied at 1-1, shifts to Philadelphia



BRYANT (left) defends against a driving Iverson. AP

LOS ANGELES—Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant responded to their first defeat in more than two months with outstanding efforts that leveled the NBA Finals.

Bryant shook off a poor opener with 31 points, while O'Neal scored 28 points, grabbed 20 rebounds, tossed a career-high nine assists and blocked a season-best eight shots in a 98-89 triumph over Philadelphia here Friday.

"It was a must-win," O'Neal said. "We wanted to come out, play with a lot of enthusiasm, a lot of intensity."

O'Neal matched an NBA Finals record for blocks and just missed making only the fifth "quadruple double" in NBA history, two blocks and an assist shy of double figures in four statistical categories.

"Shaq was phenomenal," 76ers coach Larry Brown said. "Kobe had a sensational game. We expected that. Kobe didn't average over 30 in the previous series by accident. He's a marvelous player."

The best-of-seven championship series shifts to Philadelphia for games Sunday (Monday in Manila), Wednesday and next Friday. It will be a return home for Bryant, a high school star in the 76ers' backyard.

"It will be nice to go home," Bryant said. "Everybody I went to high school with is asking me for tickets. I'm not getting them tickets because they are all Sixer fans."

Bryant made only 7-of-22 shots and committed six turnovers in a game one defeat that snapped the Lakers' 19-game win streak. The 22-year-old guard credit O'Neal's defensive dominance with opening fast break opportunities.

Bryant scored 16 first-half points, one more than he had in the entire opener, to serve notice he would not settle for another lackluster night.

Bryant scored five points and lobbed to O'Neal for a dunk in an 8-2 spurt that gave the Lakers' their biggest lead, 86-73, with 7:10 to play.

But O'Neal then picked up his fifth foul and the 76ers followed with an 13-3 spurt to pull within 89-86 with 3:00 remaining.

The injury-weakened 76ers refused to quit and the Lakers became a bit complacent and impatient.

Derek Fisher, a 15-point-per-game playoff scorer blanked in game one, hit the last of his 14 points on a crucial three-pointer to double the Lakers' lead and Ron Harper added a rebound basket for a 94-86 edge.

Allen Iverson scored 23 points, but made only 10-of-29 shots. *AFP*

The scores:

LA 98—Bryant 31, O'Neal 28, Fisher 14, Horry 8, Grant 6, Harper 5, Shaw 4, Lue 2, Fox 0.

PHILADELPHIA 89—Iverson 23, Mutombo 16, McKie 14, MacCulloch 13, Snow 12, Geiger 4, Jones 3, Hill 2, Bell 2, Buford 0, Ollie 0.

Quarterscores: 25-24, 49-47, 77-67, 98-89.

Trash talk lights up Bryant-Iverson rivalry

LOS ANGELES—Allen Iverson sent Kobe Bryant a message that his team will not back down. Bryant gave "The Answer" an equally tough reply about how tough his club is prepared to respond.

So went the terse conversation here Friday between two of the National Basketball Association's most flamboyant playmakers in the final seconds of Game Two of the NBA Finals.

In the final seconds, when the Lakers finally put the margin out of reach for the stubborn 76ers, Iverson informed Bryant that life would be just as difficult when the scene shifts to Philadelphia, Bryant's hometown.

"With Allen, he is just doing whatever he has to do to inspire his team and get them fired up," Bryant said.

"Where I was coming from is—I don't care. We're here. We're the world champions. No matter how inspired your team might be, the championship has to come through the city of Los Angeles.

"It was him trying to fire his team up and me saying, 'We don't care. We are going to come and we are going to play. We understand you guys are going to play hard in Philadelphia. But we're coming too. We just have to get it on.'"

Iverson, nicknamed "The Answer" because he is able to solve so many problems on the court, refused to get into the details of the chat.

"We were just talking. Just basketball," Iverson said. "We were out there having fun."

But Aaron McKie, who defended against Bryant despite a chip break in his right ankle suffered in Wednesday's series opener, said the exchange was Iverson's way of sending a message. *AFP*

Slashers, Marlins clash

GAMES TODAY *(Gen. Santos City Coliseum)*
3:00 p.m.—Davao vs Cebu
5:30 p.m.—Negros vs Socsargen

By Roy Luarca

GEN. SANTOS CITY—The Negros Slashers have survived two pulsating games, there's no reason why they can't sustain their run against the Socsargen Marlins today.

Forced to the limit in their victories over the Cebuana Lhuillier Gems (95-91)and the Davao Eagles (96-92) on Friday night, the Slashers are expected to have an easier time against the Marlins with the return of Cid White in their 5:30 p.m. encounter at the Gen. Santos City Coliseum

White scored 20 points and snared eight rebounds against the Gems, and without him, the Slashers struggled against the Eagles.

Still groping for form and cohesion, the Marlins, on the other hand, took a 114-99 whipping from the Gems also on Friday. The hometown crowd, however, should lift the Marlins' morale as they did to the Eagles.

White's return after serving a one-game suspension for a deliberate foul is expected to further boost the Slashers' stock as their frontline deepened a little. With the 6-foot-4 White around, Coach Robert Sison will have an extra big body who can join inaugural MVP John Ferriols and Reynel Hugnatan and Leo Bat-og in the rebound battle.

The Marlins boast a taller roster, but Coach Boyzie Zamar has no dominant big guy in the mold of Ferriols, who averaged 18.5 points and 9 rebounds the past two games.

It's height versus speed in the Cebu-Davao tussle slated at 3 p.m.

Matt Mitchell and Peter Naron have turned out to be the Gems' go-to-guys and it is likely that they will again carry the load for the Gems of Coach Tonichi Yturri.

Ongpin Cup today; Silver Story picked

TOP three-year-old colt Silver Story tries to move a win away from sweeping the Triple Crown when he heads the field in the Jaime V. Ongpin Cup this afternoon at the San Lazaro Hippodrome.

More than P1.6 million in prizes are at stake in the middle jewel of the local TC series, a race traditionally held in honor of the late Finance Secretary Jaime V. Ongpin, who was instrumental in approving the first restructuring of betting taxes in horse racing that led to the industry's growth in the late '80s.

"The management and staff of Manila Jockey Club, Inc. join the rest of the industry in paying tribute to the memory of the late Secretary Jimmy Ongpin for his invaluable contribution to horse racing in the country," said Manila Jockey Club President Alfonso R. Reyno, Jr.

Twelve other first-rate gallopers are challenging the heavily-favored Silver Story in this afternoon's highlight event.

Leading the opposition is Sky Hawk, second placer in the Cojuangco Cup. The others are Batangas Entry (3rd), Hammerhead (4th), Ilocandia Slew (5th), Staunch Ally (7th), Silver Rose (8th), Gutmoore (9th), and Lord of All (11th). Four more entries are making their Triple Crown debut in the Ongpin Cup. They are Deputy Royale, Gifted Guest, Kitty Hawk and Tumataginting.

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Race 6—1. Ardo's Pride 2. Southern Gent 3. Baby Love 4. Maniaman
Race 7—1. Good Grace 2. Free Bee 3. Master Ijhay 4. Divine Magic
Race 8—1. Silver Story 2. Batangas Entry 3. Sky Hawk 4. Ilocandia Slew
Race 9—1. Bidang Bida 2. Hazme Lady 3. High Fidelity 4. Fast Eddie
Race 10—1. Dr. jones 2. Truthful Lady 3. That's My Tiger 4. Leading Light
Race 11—1. El Condor 2. Typhoon Belle 3. Loose Cannon
Race 12—1. Morning Glory 2. Jamie's Princess 3. Regal Reality 4. Bull Strike
Race 13—1. Party Princess/Lucky Swing 2. Pasikatera 3. Dixie Melody 4. Le Voyager
Race 14—1. Baby Maxxine 2. Hinobaan's pride 3. Aringkingking 4. Shuttle's Rianne

Bunag prevails

ROYCE Bunag pocketed the men's singles 35 and above title over Dennis Profeta, 6-4, 7-5, yesterday in the Philippine Seniors Tennis Championships at the PCA indoor court.

Peter King won the 45 and above singles title after pulling off a 6-1, 6-4 win over Julio Augusto.

Arturo Fabian and Ernesto Sabandon will dispute the 55 and above singles title on Tuesday.

In the doubles category, Cesar Tan and Expedito Lim downed Rudy Perico and Noel Iglesias, 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 to reach the 35 and above finals, while PNP Superintendent Col. Julio Augusto and Maj. Paul Villanueva marched into the 45 and above finals following a 7-5, 6-2 win over Peter King and Efren Ocampo.

SPORTS ON TV

Compiled By Lorenzo Manguiat

MOTOR SPORTS: 2001 F1 Qualifying - Canadian Grand Prix Qualifying at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. (r) on Star Sports

Race Day - Canadian Grand Prix at midnight n Star Sports

2001 F1 World Championships - Canadian Grand Prix tomorrow at 12:45 a.m. on Star Sports

TENNIS: 2001 French Open - Day 14 Men's Finals at 9 p.m. (r - tomorrow at 1 a.m.) on SkyCable 17

ALI (right) lands a right hook on Frazier's face. AP

Laila outslugs Jacqui

VERONA, New York—Madame Butterfly stung just hard enough.

Laila Ali scored a majority decision over Jacqui Frazier-Lyde on Friday night as the daughters of two of boxing's greats slugged it out for eight rounds at Turning Stone Casino.

"She's wild," the 23-year-old Ali said after upping the record of her 20-month pro career to 10-0. "It's always a little surprising when you're actually in the ring with the person fighting them. I know she had feeling behind this fight."

Only Joe Frazier was at ringside—Muhammad Ali had a prior commitment—and he watched his oldest daughter fight a game fight.

Frazier-Lyde entered ring first. She smiled and waved to the audience. Ali followed moments later, quickly raised her arms in premature triumph, and began a staredown just like their famous fathers once did in their three memorable bouts of the 1970s.

This was no "Thrilla in Manila," but it was easily the toughest bout for either fighter in their brief careers. And it was fought at a fierce pace, with both women slugging it out in the middle of the ring almost incessantly.

Frazier-Lyde stormed after Ali in the first round, intent on scoring the knockout she had promised. But Ali withstood the barrage and countered with several shots to Frazier-Lyde's head.

The second round produced more of the same, and it ended with both slamming each other toe-to-toe.

Judge Frankie Adams scored the fight 79-73 for Ali, Tommy Hicks had it even at 76-76, and Don Ackerman had it 77-75 for Ali. *AP*

Kuerten-Corretja men's final set

PARIS—Top seed and defending champion Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil destroyed Spanish fourth seed Juan Carlos Ferrero 6-4, 6-4, 6-3 to reach the men's singles final at the French Open on Friday.

He will face Alex Corretja in Sunday's final after the Spanish 13th seed outslugged French 10th seed Sebastien Grosjean on an overcast and packed Philippe-Chatrier Centre Court 7-6 (7-2), 6-4, 6-4.

Grosjean's demise after brilliantly ousting Andre Agassi in the quarters means that France has not had a men's finalist since Henri Leconte in 1988 as Corretja advanced to his second trophy match after 1998.

Kuerten, nicknamed the "King of Clay," simply outplayed young pretender Ferrero, who had beaten him in the Rome Masters Series final five weeks ago, winning after 2 hours and 10 minutes of sheer wizardry.

It wasn't that Ferrero was blown away—he carved out 15 break points for himself—but he could only accept two as Kuerten always had plenty in reserve to ratchet his game up a notch. *AFP*

SPORTSWATCH

Shell karting slated

A TIGHT, two-way battle between Demvel's Enterprises and Kart 1 looms in the fifth leg of the Shell Super Karting Championships at the Carmona Racing Circuit in Cavite this weekend. Led by Pepon Marave, Mandy Borja and Michael Bautista, Demvel's dominated two of the first four races held so far to take a six-point lead over Kart 1 in this annual series organized by the Carmona Circuit Phils. and sponsored by Match Box/Hot Wheels, Demvel's, Nokia, Eastway Racing, Coca-Cola and Bridgestone. Kart 1, bannered by last year's PSA awardee Philip Alvendia, topped one leg. The other two teams seeing action are ARC-Tony Kart and Kart Plaza.

Estes ahead by 4 shots

MEMPHIS, Tennessee—Bob Estes didn't want to lose any ground a day after tying the course record, and he wound up pushing his lead to four strokes with a 5-under-par 66 in the second round of the St. Jude Classic. Estes led by three strokes before turning in a six-birdie, one-bogey round Friday. His 15-under 127 total was just a stroke off what John Cook did here in 1996, which had stood as a PGA Tour record until Mark Calcavecchia's 125 at the Phoenix Open earlier this year. Only Scott McCarron came close to challenging Estes on the TPC at Southwind course that remained so wet from rain earlier this week that golfers played using lift, clean and place rules for a second straight day. *AP*

Balic-Balic tourney on

PEOPLE Power (Blue) battles Puwersa ng Masa (White) in the Karambola Fiesta 2001 Millennium Basketball Challenge Cup championship starting at 5 p.m. today at the Honradez-Craig court in Balic-Balic, Sampaloc, Manila. It is organized by the Five-O'Clock Sunday Sports Club under the leadership of president Eddie Boy Maderazo, athletic coordinator Titoy Villeza, and Miller Cadampog of the public recreation bureau. The event is being held in line with the festivity of the Most Holy Trinity Parish today. Jake Maderazo, ABS-CBN executive, and councilor Wardee Quintos are the team managers.

Diving show on TV 11

THE EXCITING canyons in Puerto Galera, Mindoro will be the featured divesite in the next episode of the television show Unlimited Diving. The show, hosted by Malou Maglutac-Chongbian, is aired 10 to 10:30 p.m. over TV 11. It gives diving tips from Filipino dive instructors and also features scuba world portion on dry boxes and dive buddies with safety stops. Meanwhile, a diving competition to be held at Verde Island on June 23, will be featured next in the show. Format is fish identification. Interested parties may call Mukha TV Sports at 912-1167 and 913-8605.

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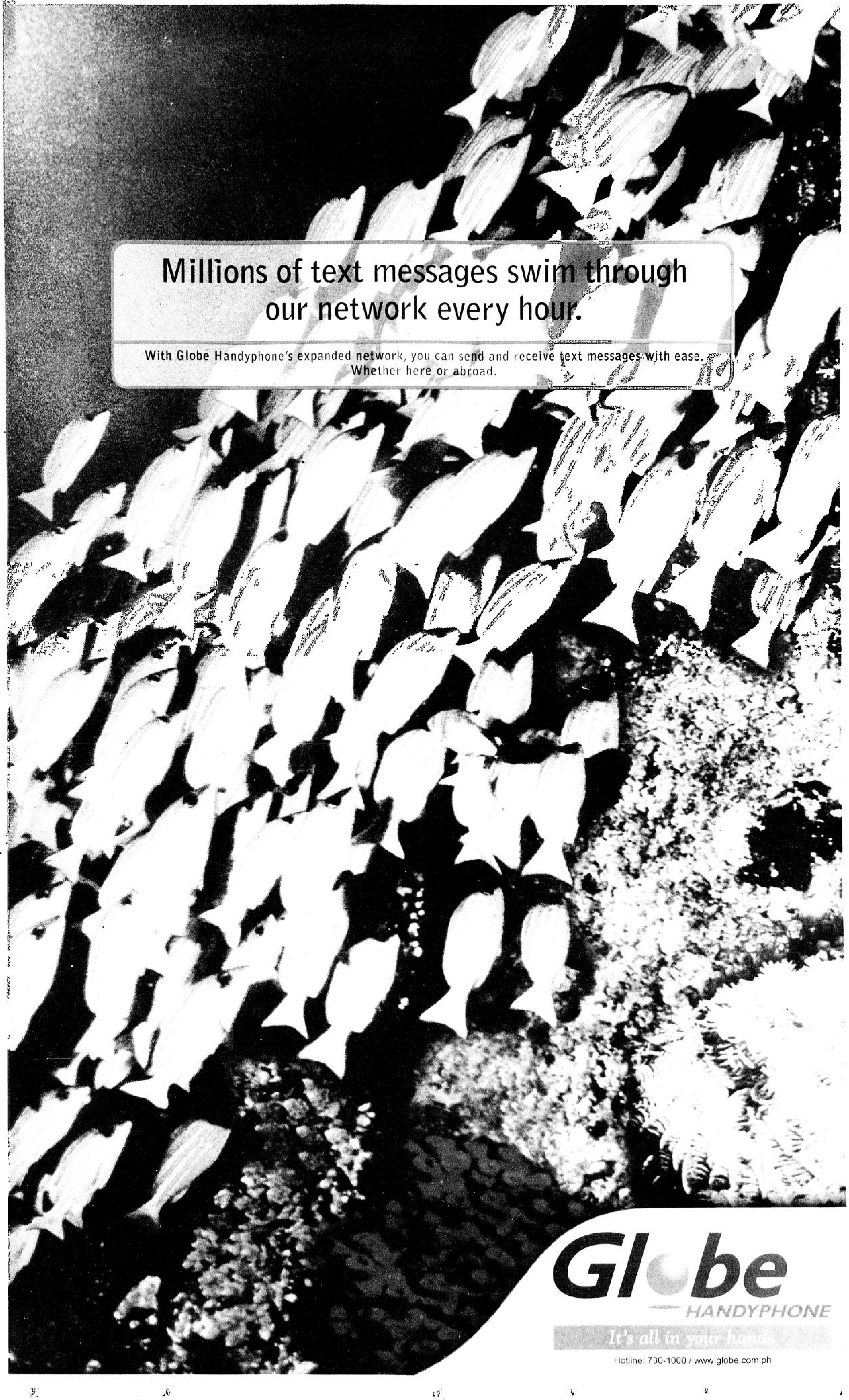

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Maynilad Water rate up by ₱4.75

By Christine A. Gaylican

CUSTOMERS of Maynilad Water Services Inc. will have to pay an additional P4.75 per cubic meter in their monthly water bills starting July.

The Lopez-owned water utility Maynilad was allowed to recover foreign exchange losses amounting to P2.7 billion in the next 18 months by implementing this new round of water tariff adjustment.

This was contained in a memorandum of cooperation signed late Friday between the government and Maynilad in an effort to solve the financial problems of the company.

The memorandum of cooperation was signed by Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage Systems administrator Jose Mabanta and Maynilad president Rafael Alunan III and was witnessed by the MWSS board of trustees chair and concurrent Public Works Secretary Simeon Datumanong.

The memorandum of cooperation contains conditions that allow Maynilad, which services the west zone of Metro Manila, to increase its basic rates a second time this year. However, the memorandum does not guarantee that Maynilad will finally resume paying its con-

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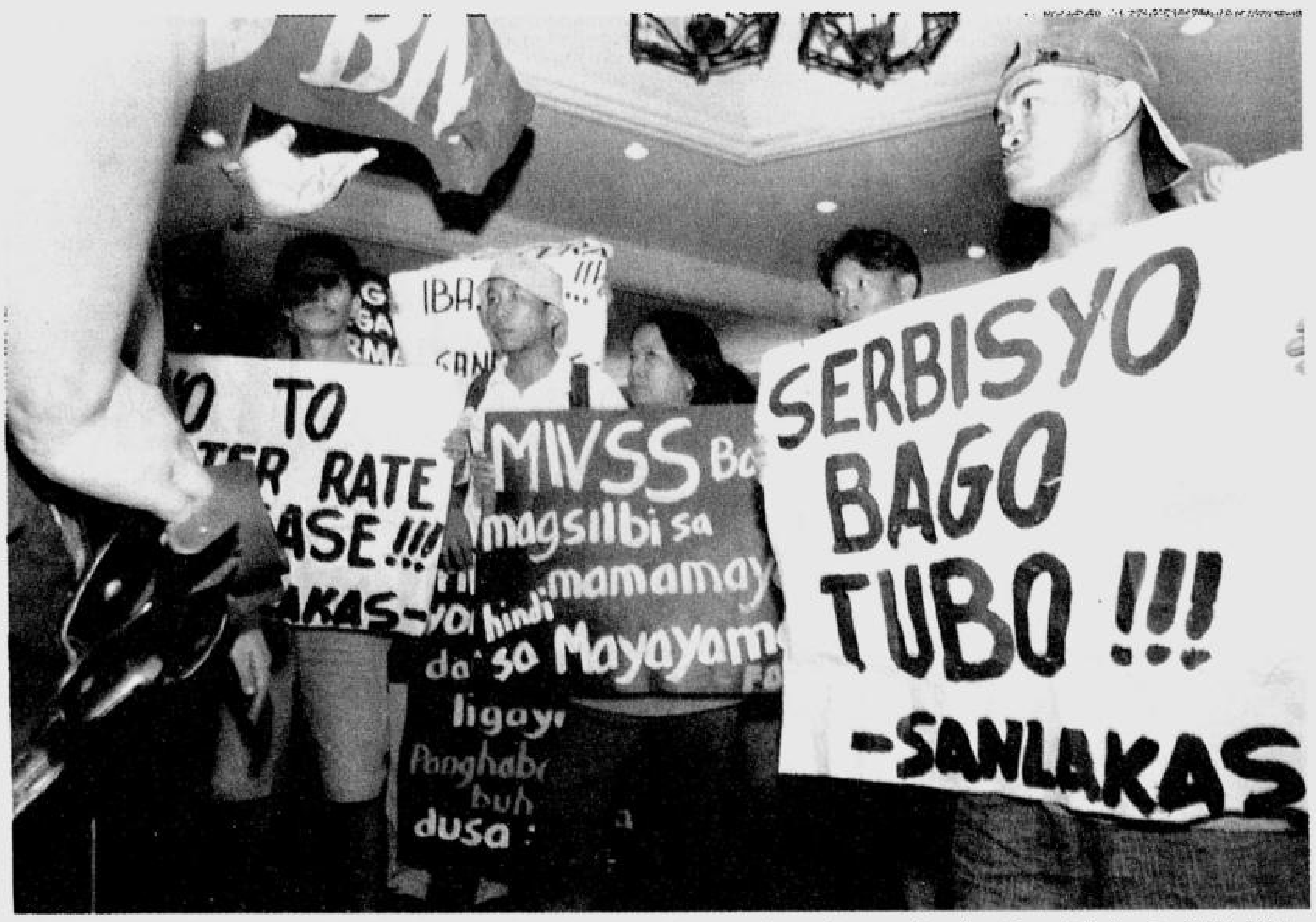
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MEMBERS of Sanlakas and the Freedom from Debt Coalition are met by armed security men when they barge into the Dusit Hotel Nikko in Makati. The protesters on Friday night meant to stop the signing in the hotel of a memorandum of cooperation between the MWSS and Maynilad allowing the latter to raise its price.

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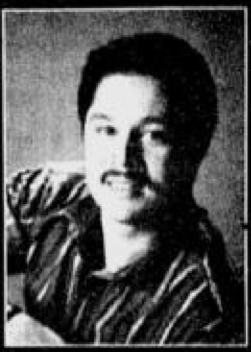

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Roco admits he neglected private school teachers

By Blanche S. Rivera

ROCO

EDUCATION Secretary Raul Roco admitted he has "neglected" private school teachers in his bid to improve the working conditions of state teachers even as he asked the government to give private school teachers the same benefits it gave their public counterparts.

Roco said he has asked the finance department if it could suspend the collection of withholding taxes from private school teachers for one-and-a-half months, as it did with public school tutors from May 1 to June 15.

The chief of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports also asked Malacañang if it could allocate 35 percent of the P1-billion budget for soft loans to be allocated for public school teachers, who have been living on meager pay and are forced to borrow from loan sharks.

Roco said he would work to give private school teachers the same benefits received by government faculty, but he said he would have to wait for approval from the Department of Finance and the President if the benefits were feasible.

"I had been reading the Constitution, and I just learned that the education secretary is in charge of both public and private school teachers," Roco said in an earlier press briefing, adding that he may have "neglected" the private school employees.

Representatives of private schools complained during the latest education congress in Manila that the DECS had not been as sensitive to or responsible for their needs.

The Federation of Associations of Private School Administrators (Fapsa), an alliance of about 1,000 private schools, has noted that more and more private school teachers are being enticed by the "incentives and fat salaries" of DECS-employed teachers.

According to Eleazar Kasilag, Fapsa president, private schools are threatened by the looming exodus of teachers from private to public schools, as young graduates are attracted to the public education system due to better compensation.

"That can't be helped," Roco said. "It's the market forces. Of course, we want to better the quality of education so we can beat the private schools."

Volunteerism in action

THE LEAGUE of Corporate Foundations Inc. (LCF) will lead the celebration of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Week from July 2 to 9, 2001.

, The celebration will start with an annual assembly in Malacañang Palace with President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo as guest of honor and keynote speaker.

Formal opening ceremonies will follow at the SM Megamall Activity Center. CSR Week 2001 will have the theme "Putting Volunteerism into Action."

Week-long activities will include the launching of "Project Jumpstart: IT for Public High Schools," a photo exhibit of the volunteerism programs of LCF members, lectures and symposia, smoke-emission testing, bloodletting and medical missions, recycling activities, tree planting, and an on-the-spot painting contest for children.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, June 10, 2001
Trinity Sunday

1st Reading: **Pro 8:22-31**

Yahweh created me first, at the beginning of his works. He formed me from of old, from eternity, even before the earth. The abyss did not exist when I was born, the springs of the sea had not gushed forth, the mountains were still not set in their place nor the hills, when I was born before he made the earth or countryside, or the first grains of the world's dust. I was there when he made the skies and drew the earth's compass on the abyss, when he formed the clouds above and when the springs of the ocean emerged; when he made the sea with its limits, that it might not overflow. When he laid the foundations of the earth, I was close beside him, the designer of his works, and I was his daily delight, forever playing in his presence, playing throughout the world and delighting to be with the sons of men.

2nd Reading: Rom 5:1-5

By faith we have received true righteousness, and we are at peace with God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through him we obtain this favor in which we remain and we even boast to expect the Glory of God.

Not only that, we feel secure even in trials, knowing that trials produce patience, from patience comes merit, merit is the source of hope, and hope does not disappoint us because the Holy Spirit has been given to us, pouring into our hearts the love of God.

Gospel: Jn 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples, "I still have many things to tell you, but you cannot bear them now. When he, the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into the whole truth.

He has nothing to say of himself but he will speak of what he hears, and he will tell you of the things to come. He will take what is mine and make it known to you; in doing this, he will glorify me. All that the Father has is mine; because of this I have just told you, that the Spirit will take what is mine and make it known to you."

Commentary

Jesus was sent by the Father and came into our midst in the power of the Spirit to look for what was lost and to proclaim the Good news to the poor. He is now about to lay down his life in order to show the love of God to the very end. This love of God is the truth of life that he wants to share. The disciples are still unable to bear this truth and to share it with the Master. That is why Jesus promises the Spirit to guide them into this truth. On the Feast of the Holy Trinity we celebrate with gratitude this truth of God and pray that we may share in it in our love for one another.

We thank you Father for having given us your Son who shared our sufferings and our joys. Give us your Spirit that we may live as your children in genuine love for one another.

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SUPREME COURT DOCTRINES

CRIMINAL LAW (AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES)—Treachery—For treachery to be appreciated, it must be shown: (1) that means, methods or forms of execution were employed to give the person attacked no chance to defend himself or to retaliate; and (2) that said means, methods or forms of execution were deliberately and consciously adopted by the accused. There is no evidence of either in this case. With regard to the first request, the victim was aware of the threat to his life because accused-appellant challenged him to a fight. This is the reason the victim tried to leave the place. However, instead of boarding the tricycle immediately, he tried to retrieve the power tiller. The element of surprise, which is the hallmark of treachery, was therefore absent. Prior to the attack, the victim had been alerted to the danger to his life and had the opportunity to escape. As to the second requisite, the prosecution failed to establish that accused-appellant deliberately or consciously adopted the means or method of execution. [Citations omitted.] [Justice Mendoza, Second Division, People v. Panela, G.R. No. 124475, November 29, 2000]

Digest by R.B. Vera

DOT office 'bungled' probe of slay of Japanese—WPD

By Alcuin Papa

THE WESTERN Police District yesterday alleged that the Department of Tourism's Tourist Security Division "bungled and muddled" the investigation of the murder of Keiichi Wada of Japan last week.

WPD homicide investigators expressed disappointment and irritation over the arrest of three suspects on Thursday, saying the DOT authorities did not even submit the necessary documents to support the charges against the suspects.

DOT authorities led by Insp. Eduardo Escala on Thursday arrested Ruben Bautista, 27; Ariel Santos, 28, and Luisito Vergara, 29.

Witness Christy Sual reportedly told DOT authorities that the three men killed Wada.

But Insp. Juanito Taluban, head of the WPD's homicide section, said the DOT police did not submit to him an investigation report and the affidavit of the witness who implicated the suspects.

"As it stands, what we have right now would not even stand in court," Taluban told reporters. "This case would just be dismissed by the courts and all our efforts to solve it will go down the drain."

Taluban had given the DOT police until midnight yesterday to submit the necessary documents. If the DOT failed to forward the documents to the WPD homicide section, Taluban said, he would be forced to release the suspects because of lack of evidence.

In a news conference at the DOT earlier, Sual claimed the three men murdered Wada by the seawall on Roxas Boulevard.

Her testimony led Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon to announce that the murder case had been solved.

SPO2 Athos de Quiros pointed out that police may detain a person for up to 36 hours without charges. If at the end of that period the suspect has not been charged or police have failed to build up a case against him, then the authorities are compelled to release the suspect.

"In this case, if we do not get the documents pertaining to their arrest, particularly the affidavit of the alleged witness, we will be forced to release the three suspects," said De Quiros, investigator in charge of the case.

He said the DOT police had informed the WPD that they were still searching for a "translator" to take down Sual's testimony since she is said to be mute.

De Quiros said he also doubted the credibility of the witness after he "talked" to her. He claimed Sual wrote on a piece of paper and asked De Quiros for P200 in exchange for her testimony.

De Quiros said WPD investigators found too many "loopholes" in the witness' account of the crime.

But WPD investigators learned that on the day Wada was found dead, he went out to Manila Bay on a motorized banca with five other people. Police believed the Japanese was killed on that trip and his body was dumped in the bay.

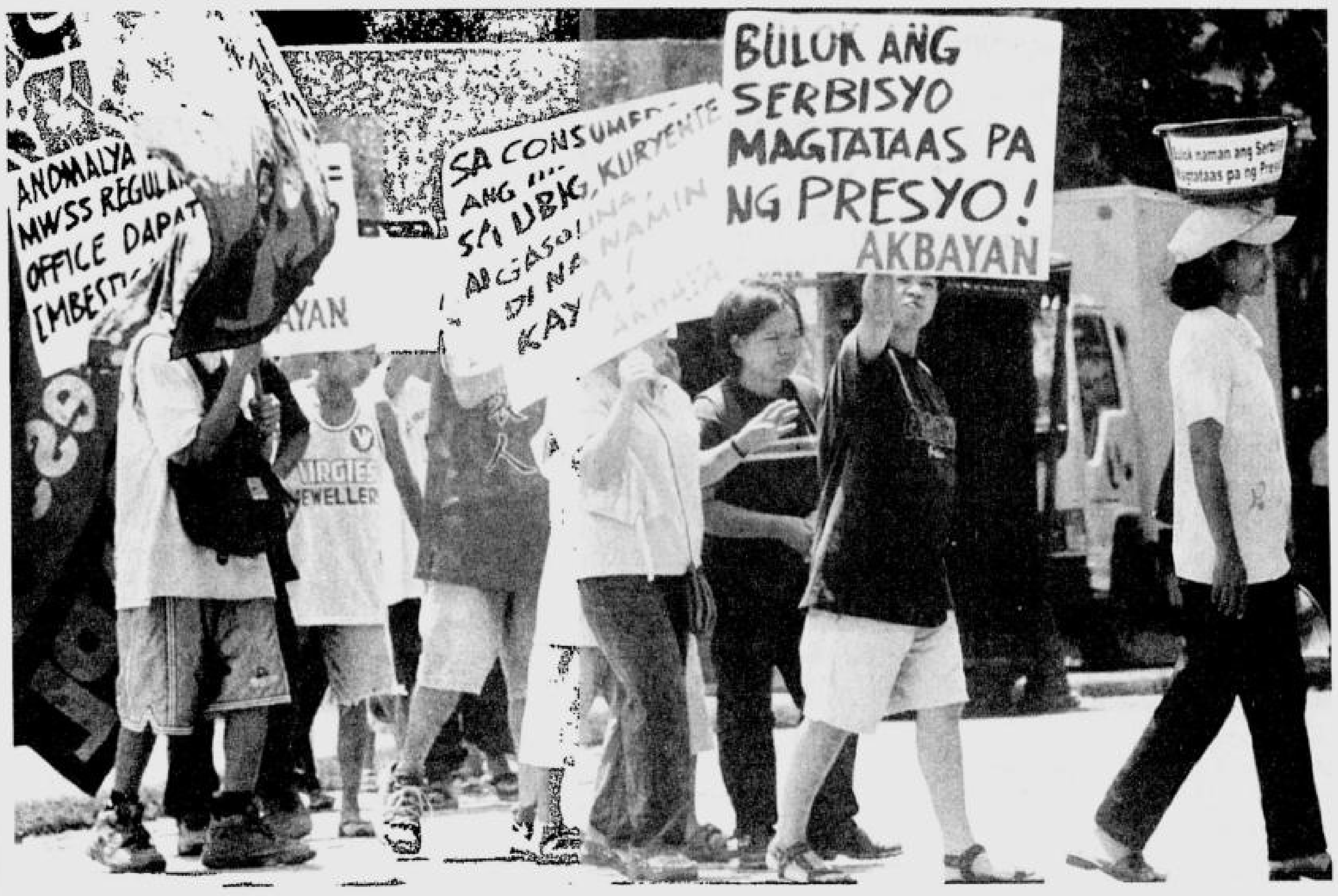
"If these three suspects were indeed those who killed Wada, they would have gone in hiding," De Quiros said. "Yet they were still loitering in the streets when they were arrested."

WPD lawmen are also focusing their investigation on the angle that Wada was killed for the 100-million yen (P40 million) insurance policy on his life.

De Quiros said that based on their investigation, the "murder for insurance" angle was the likeliest motive for killing Wada. Police claimed that the beneficiary of that policy is Wada's brother.

Investigators also said Wada's business partner Zhoso Otani might have a hand in the killing. Wada and Otani owned a string of videoke bars in Davao City. Wada also reportedly owned vast tracts of land in Japan.

The body of Wada, 40, a former postal officer in Japan, was fished out of Manila Bay on Friday with four stab wounds and lacerations on the body.



MILITANTS rally outside the MWSS building in Balara, Quezon City to protest against the plan to increase the price of water. EDWIN BACASMAS

Maynilad Water rate up by P4.75

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cession fees to MWSS.

The government and Maynilad have opted for this second basic rate adjustment, which they claim is within the extraordinary pricing adjustment provision of the concession agreement.

Early this year, Maynilad was allowed to increase its basic rate by 45 centavos on account of inflation and the depreciation of the peso.

The Ayala-owned Manila Water Co., which services the east zone of Metro Manila, was allowed to adjust its basic water charges by 19 centavos last January.

For Maynilad customers, the added rate will represent an increase of 72 percent from the current basic rate of P6.58 per cubic meter.

Apart from the basic tariff, there is also a fixed P1.27-per-cubic-meter fee to cover for changes in the peso-dollar exchange rate, known as "Cera" or currency exchange rate adjustment, and other charges for meters, sewers, environmental fees and value-added tax.

Maynilad had been pressing the government to allow it to recover losses resulting from the sharp depreciation in the value of the peso against the dollar since last year.

The government earlier turned down Maynilad's request for an automatic currency exchange rate mechanism similar to those of other utilities because this would mean changing the terms of the 25-year concession agreement.

When Maynilad won the bidding for the servicing of half of the MWSS concession area, it absorbed the bulk of the MWSS's foreign loans amounting to $800 million.

Maynilad stopped paying its debt obligations to the MWSS in March after the government turned down the water firm's request for an automatic currency exchange rate adjustment scheme.

"We now have P620 million in concession fees to the MWSS," Alunan said in a press briefing. "But we are still uncertain whether we could pay and immediately assume these obligations since we have to settle first our long term loans of $350 million." He said it would take Maynilad another six months to work out these loans.

Alunan said the company would also work out a bridge financing worth P2 billion to P3 billion from government financial institutions.

Maynilad is a joint venture between the Lopez group and the Suez Lyonnaise des Eaux of France. It supplies water to Manila, Pasay, Las Piñas, Malabon, Muntinlupa, Valenzuela, Navotas, Parañaque, parts of Taguig and Quezon City, and the Cavite towns of Bacoor, Kawit, Imus, Noveleta and Rosario and Cavite City.

Duty Free faces investigation for incurring P5-billion debts

By Armand N. Nocum

SEN. Loren Legarda called for an investigation of Duty Free Philippines Inc. (DFPI) which reportedly incurred as much as P5 billion in debt over the last 12 years.

Legarda, chair of the Senate committee on tourism, said the losses could have been due to mismanagement of funds and alleged irregularities in the DFPI's past operations.

"With questions being raised on the viability of the government's continued operation of Duty Free, it is all the more relevant to examine what our next step must be," Legarda said in a press statement.

Duty Free's financial woes surfaced last year after former Duty Free general manager Faustino Salud worked for the granting of a concession to Lucio Lao Co to operate DFPI outlets in Davao, Laoag, Clark and Cebu.

Co is known to be a crony of ousted President Estrada.

Co was known as "chicken king" and was blamed for the widespread sale here of the cheap "Tyson" brand of US chicken, fake cigarettes and canned goods.

Estrada later ordered the termination of Co's concession amid reports that Co was using the DFPI outlets to smuggle goods.

Salud said he had to give Co the Duty Free outlets to stop DFPI's closure due to past mismanagement.

In turn, he accused former Duty Free general manager Benjie Lim of having allegedly "plundered" the DFPI. Lim had denied this in an earlier interview.

Legarda said in her statement that a review of DFPI's financial performance in the last 12 years revealed that a large portion of the company's earnings were diverted to other projects, leaving it with little capital investment.

She said the previous management also made questionable purchases of merchandise, including millions of pesos worth of luxury watches and expensive wines that remained in the Duty Free storerooms for years.

Court can't find complainants

By Agnes E. Donato

THE ABOLITION of the Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force might pose a problem to the upcoming trial of the illegal drugs case against one of the members of the so-called "Fianza Gang," also known as the "Valle Verde Gang."

Ronald Cardenas, a staff member at the Pasig City Regional Trial Court Branch 157, said the court might have a hard time locating the PAOCTF members who filed the complaint against John Umale, 31, as the lawmen could already be assigned to faraway places.

"The arraignment will definitely take place, but we're afraid there might be problems in locating the complainants during the trial proper," Cardenas said.

He said there was also a possibility that Judge Esperanza Fabon-Victorino might dismiss the case if the witnesses from the PAOCTF failed to appear in court during the trial.

"We have made it a policy to dismiss cases if government witnesses fail to show up and present their testimony in court, so as to avoid the cases from dragging on," he explained. "After all, it is the right of every accused to be given a speedy trial."

PAOCTF agents claimed that .46 grams of cocaine were seized from Umale when he was arrested, along with brothers Joselito and Anthony Manlongat, for car theft on Aug. 7 last year. But it is feared that the PAOCTF members who filed the complaint—Chief Insp. Ricardo Dandan, Chief Insp. Zosimo Paulino and Senior Insp. Alan Campos—might have been sent back to their mother units after President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo ordered the dismantling of the elite police group.

The arraignment of the illegal drugs case against Umale was set for July 6. This came after the Court of Appeals affirmed Fabon's earlier decision denying the motion for reinvestigation and deferment of arraignment filed by Umale's lawyers.

Free vehicle emission test

THE METROPOLITAN Manila Development Authority is conducting free vehicle emission tests on all Saturdays of June from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the People Power Monument on Edsa to celebrate Environmental Month.

The test aims to check the compliance of users of vehicles, both diesel-fed and gasoline-fed, with the Clean Air Act.

Drivers and owners of vehicles that will be tested will be given advice by experts from Mitsubishi Motors Philippines on maintenance and compliance with the emission standards of the Clean Air Act.

There will be no apprehension or confiscation of license plates of vehicles that will fail the test, according to MMDA.

The activity was opened yesterday morning by MMDA Chair Benjamin S. Abalos Sr. and officials of sponsoring organizations, including Mitsubishi Motors Corp., Swiss Contact, Mobil, Miriam Peace and Partnership for Clean Air.

The MMDA said the conduct of free emission testing is an effective means of communicating to vehicle owners the government policies and programs on anti-smoke belching.

The free emission tests also demonstrated the goodwill of MMDA in helping the transport sector and the general public comply with the law and ease air pollution in Metro Manila.

MMDA expects to test about 500 vehicles during the four-day free testing.

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Thanks, too, to "Beh Bote Nga" director **Uro de la Cruz**, who lent the videocam for the "Miss Saigon" shoot even though they were in the middle of taping in scenic Repulse Buy; and to GMA assistant vice president for production **Marivin Arayata** who quickly granted the request for a TV camera for the "Miss Saigon" coverage.

Letter from Belinda

MTV ASIA veejay **Belinda Panelo** wrote a letter in reaction to our item, "MTV Asia does a Belinda Panelo" (*Showbiz Tidbits, June 1*).

We wrote that MTV Asia made media people wait for one-and-a-half hours during the press conference of the Irish boy band Westlife on May 29 at the Manila Galleria Suites.

We also said Belinda reportedly has a habit of doing interviews at her own pace, unmindful of others who are waiting for their turn.

Belinda wrote: "As BMG Records informed you, the Westlife presscon started late because the members of the boy band couldn't wake up in time for their press commitments because they had celebrated the birthday of member **Mark Feehily** until 5 a.m. that morning. And because of that, all interviews were postponed, including MTV's.

"When we were finally able to interview them, it only took me less than 10 minutes since the crew had already set up hours before. The other 20-30 minutes were taken up by other MTV Asia shows not requiring a VJ.

"Although we were promised one hour with the band, the crew finished in about 30 minutes, since others were waiting as well.

"I hope this sets the record straight."

Although Belinda explained the delay was not solely her fault, she said MTV Asia was really the cause of delay. The other shows of the music channel apparently took their own sweet time interviewing Westlife with hardly any consideration for the more than 30 people from print, radio and local TV who were waiting for the boy band downstairs at the presscon venue.

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Stiff audience watches 'Miss Saigon' in Hong Kong

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Leah Salterio

HONG KONG is the newest venue of "Miss Saigon," the British musical that turned Filipino artists into international stars.

The former British territory is the third Asian stop for the **Cameron McKintosh** musical after Japan and Manila.

The Hong Kong audience is a mix of Asians, Americans and Europeans. For the Chinese viewers, Mandarin subtitles of the songs and the dialogue are shown on a screen above the stage.

During a one-night stopover in Hong Kong on our way to China last week, we were able to watch the popular musical, courtesy of The Engineer, **Leo Valdez.**

We decided to call up Leo at his suite at Peninsula Hong Kong just hours before the show, but he was able to produce three tickets for Manila Bulletin's **Walden Belen,** GMA 7 press liaison officer **Peachy Guioguio** and myself.

Leo reprises his critically acclaimed role, for which he earned raves in London, Sydney and Manila.

He is joined in Hong Kong by **Deedee Magno** as Kim, who earlier did the role on Broadway.

Ima Castro alternates in the lead role during weekend matinees, and plays one of the Saigon bar girls the rest of the week.

The Thursday night we watched the musical, the 10th night of the Hong Kong run, the grand theater of the Hong Kong Cultural Center was full. It was at the same venue where famous Broadway musicals like "Phantom of the Opera," "Cats" and "Les Miserables" were also staged.

The "Miss Saigon" audience was a bit stiff, although it shook the theater with a long, thunderous applause at the end of the show.

Unlike in the Manila run, however, the audience did not give "Miss Saigon" a standing ovation, not even on the opening night, or so we were told.

The show runs until July 14.

Leo later invited us to his huge, posh Peninsula suite which he occupies by his lonesome. Only Leo and Deedee are billeted at the Peninsula, while the rest of the cast members are staying at the Kowloon Hotel, just behind the Pen.

Deedee shares her suite with her leading man Chris, played by **Clifton Hall,** who is also her real-life boyfriend.

The Pen is very close to the Hong Kong Cultural Center. For Leo, it's just a two-minute walk to the theater.

GMA 7's "S-Files" will air an exclusive report on "Miss Saigon" in Hong Kong, 4 to 5:30 p.m. today. Thanks to **Benjo Elgincolin,** the GMA 7 writer who gladly obliged to videograph the special feature. Benjo was with the group of the GMA sitcom "Beh Bote Nga," which taped episodes in Hong Kong and China last weekend.

STIFF/ A25

THE ENGINEER and Kim on weekend performances, Leo Valdez and Ima Castro.

REAL-LIFE sweethearts Deedee Lyn Magno (Kim) and Clifton Hall (Chris) join GMA 7 press liaison officer Peachy Guioguio (left) and Manila Bulletin writer Walden Belen.

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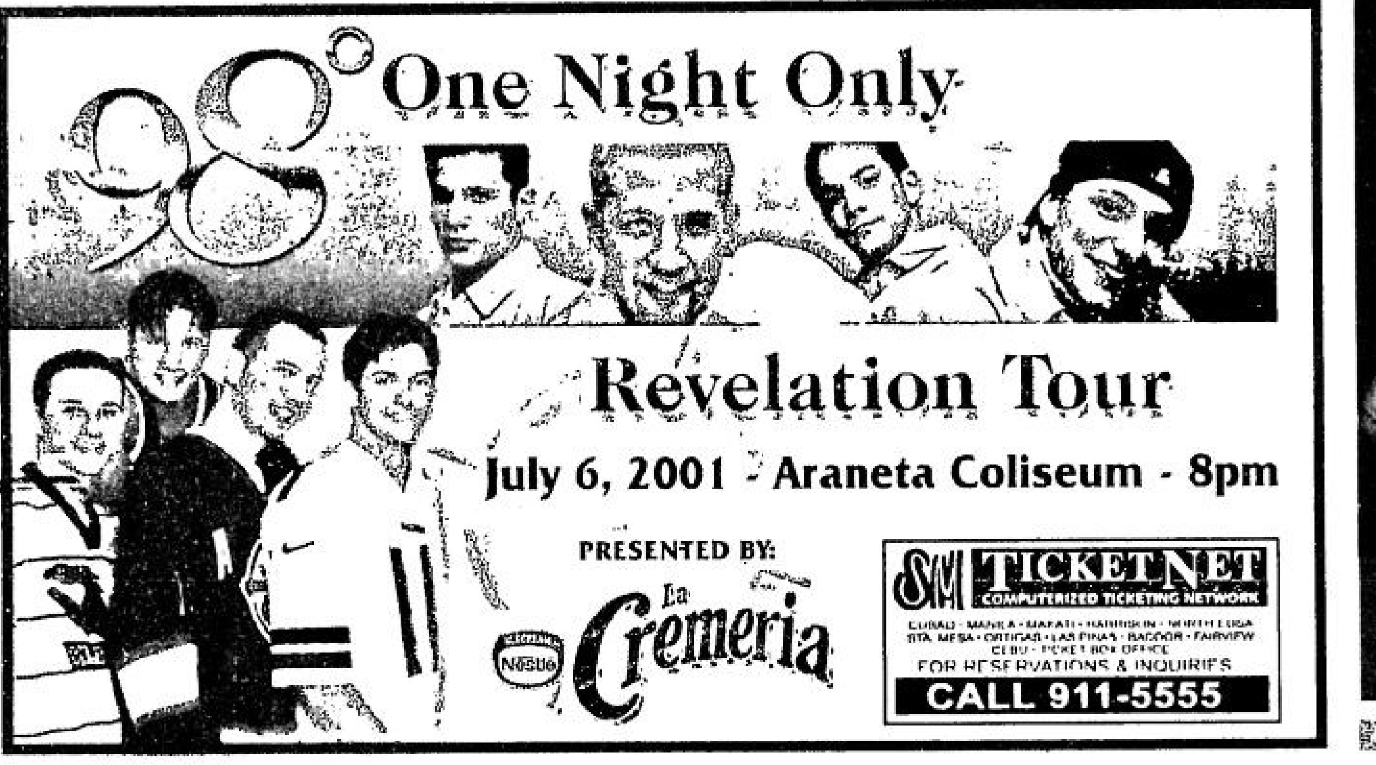

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Eventful 'Startalk' episode

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New season

THE NEW season of "NYPD Blue" on Star World opens on June 19. The show airs every Tuesday at 10 p.m., with replays on Wednesdays at 2 a.m.

Set against the volatile backdrop of New York City, the popular cop series shows how believable characters try to retain their sense of humanity as they fight for justice.

The show's lead actors include **Dennis Franz**, **James McDaniel**, **Rick Schroder**, **Kim Delaney**, **Nicholas Turturro**, **Gordon Clapp**, **Andrea Thompson** and **Bill Brochtrup**.

The June 19 episode, "Loogie Nights," has Sipowicz and Sorenson investigating the role that two officers played in a fatal beating; Kirkendall considers dating her husband, and Medavoy and Martinez arrest a man for throwing horse manure at parade watchers.

A concert is set at 5 p.m. today, June 10 at Rizal Park's open-air auditorium. The orchestra will also perform at Malacañang for the Independence Day's Vin d'honneur at 10:30 a.m., and the Evening Gala at the CCP at 8 p.m.

The PPP, formerly known as the Cebu Youth Symphony Orchestra, is led by its chairperson, pianist **Ingrid Sala Santamaria**, and will be conducted by **Josefino Chino Toledo**. **Nolyn Cabahug** and **Rachelle Gerodias** are guest soloists.

Album launch on 'SOP'

SHOW BIZ newcomer Karylle, daughter of singer-actress Zsa Zsa Padilla, will launch her debut album under Universal Records aptly titled, "Time to Shine," today on GMA's top-rating Sunday noontime show, "SOP."

Since she became a mainstay of "SOP," Karylle has become one of the most talked-about show biz personalities in the local entertainment scene.

Viewers are in for a big surprise as she now launches her album.

The show's director, Louie Ignacio, producer Rajah Bocobo and choreographer Geleen Eugenio have prepared a surprise production number for the album's carrier single, "Can't Live Without You."

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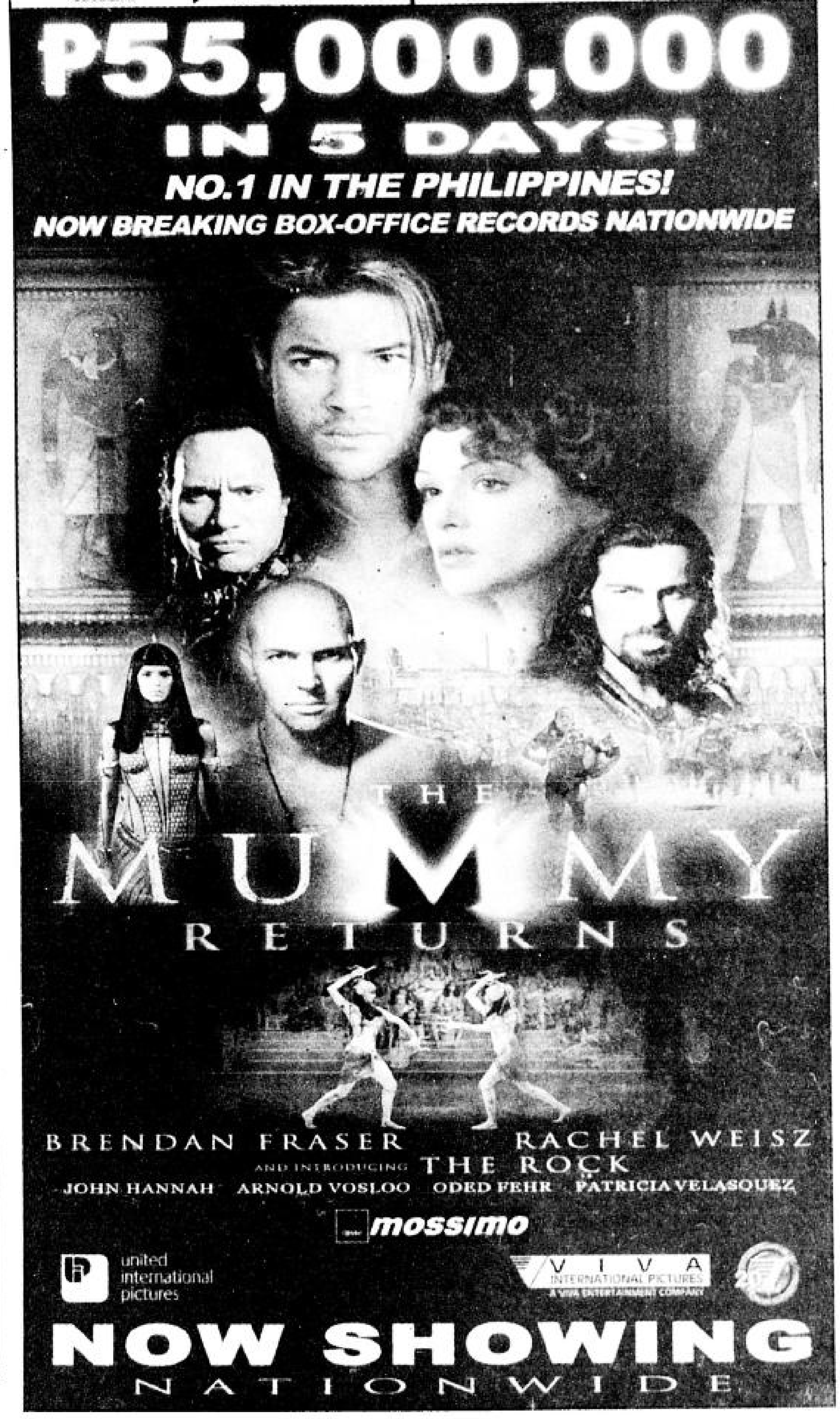
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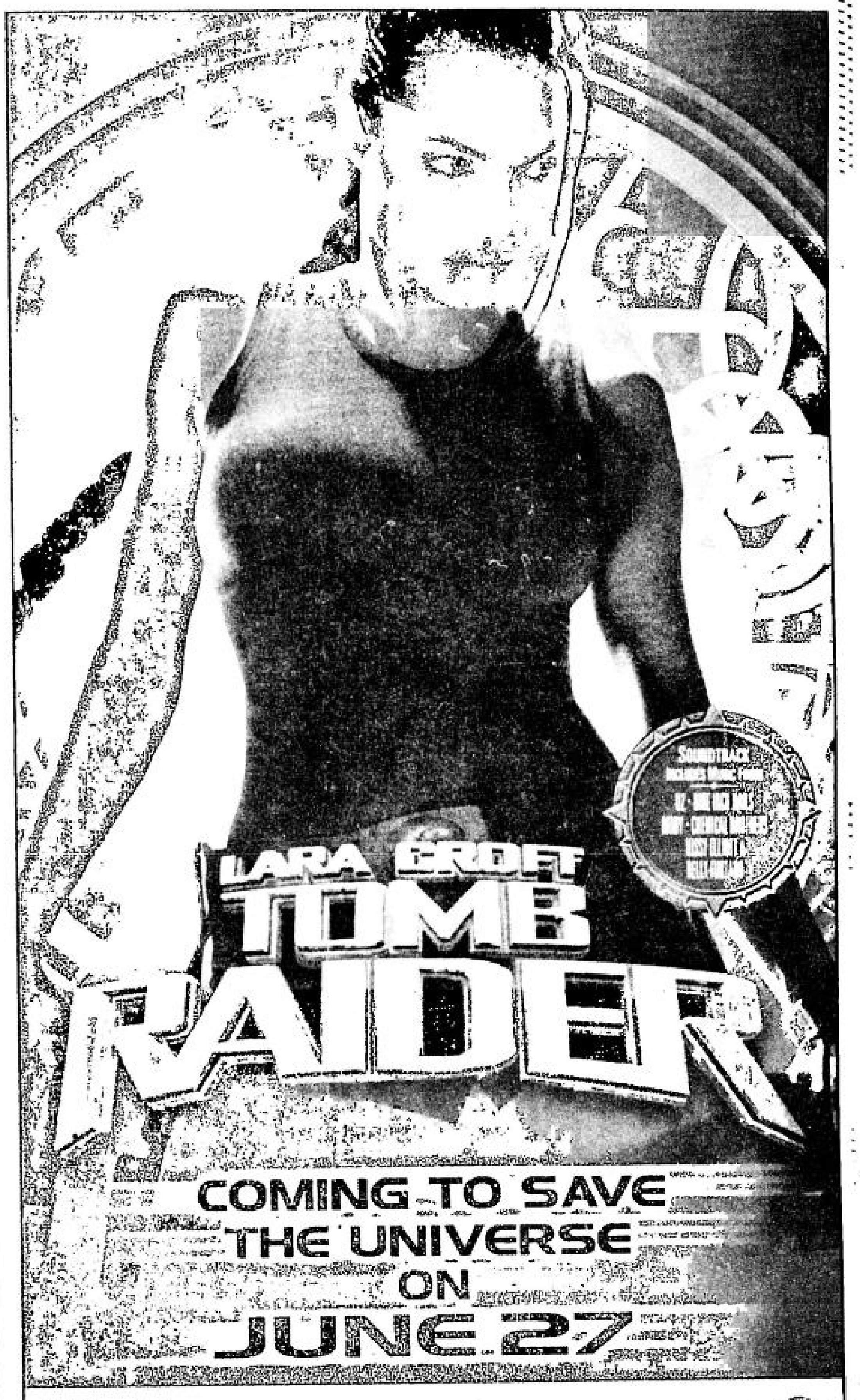
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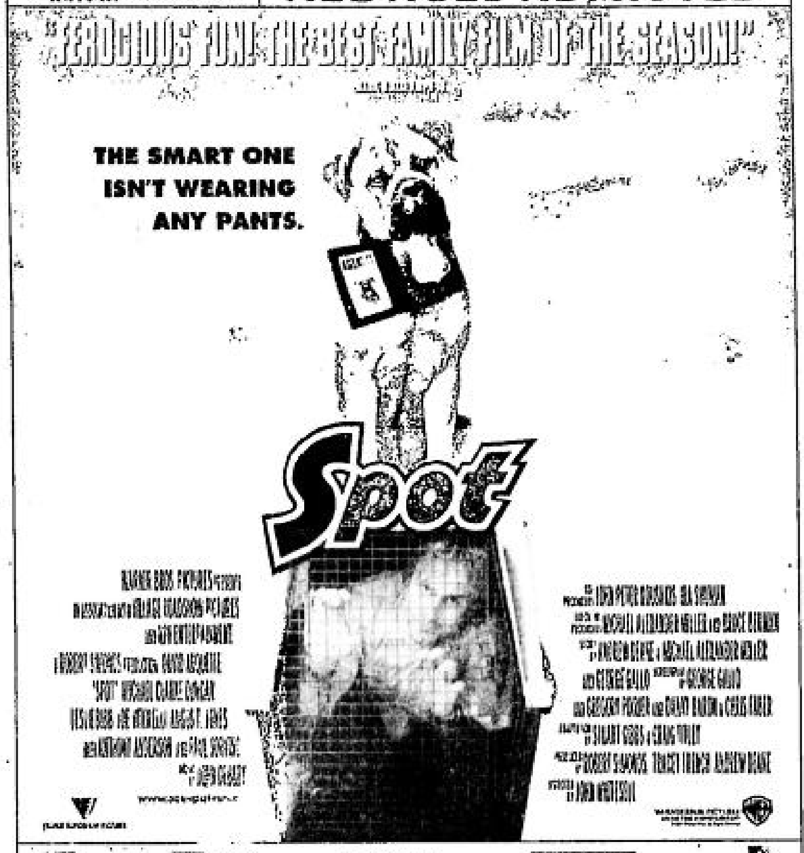
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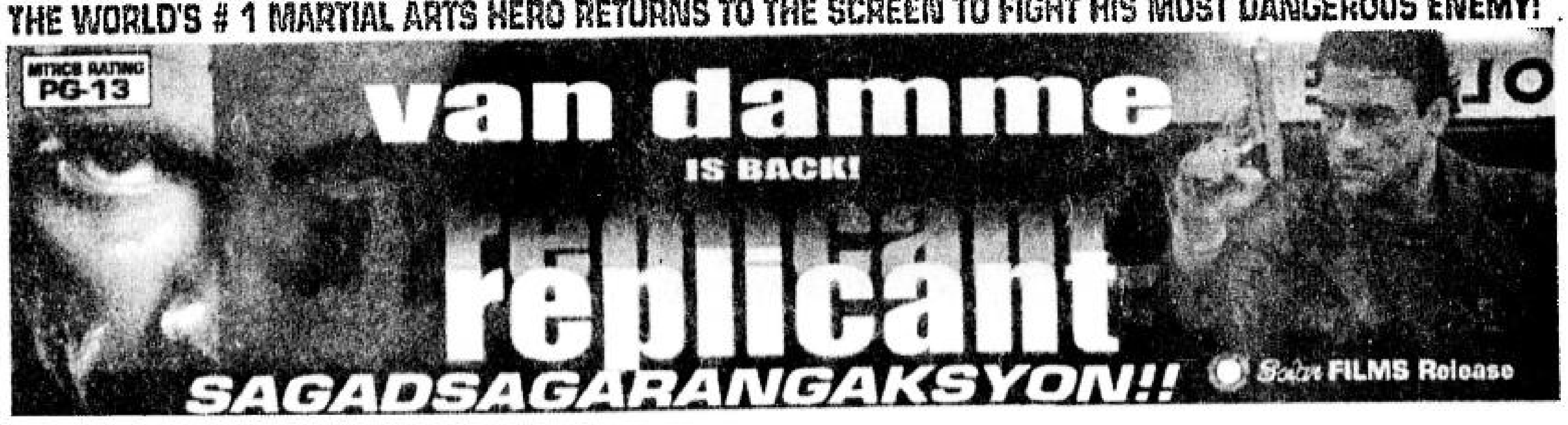
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Eventful 'Startalk' episode

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

"STARTALK" had a particularly eventful show two Saturdays ago. The program's interest level started heating up when birthday girl **Rosanna Roces** interviewed **Martin Nievera** in her signature teasing, flirty manner.

But what really made the portion special was when Martin started replying to Rosanna's questions in Filipino.

This is a big deal, because US-raised Martin has always had difficulty speaking in the national language, even after many years of living and performing here. He just never bothered to really learn the language, like many *balikbayan* talents who perform here. This is one of the reasons Martin's acting career didn't really heat up—after all, just how many times can an actor play an English-speaking character in Filipino films without sticking out like a sore thumb?

Anyway, it's great to see that Martin has finally learned to express himself in Filipino. Better late than never—and let's see if film producers start to get interested in him as an actor again. With some more honing, Martin could soon be able to do a movie or two without having to play yet another *balikbayan* character.

The "Startalk" next scored with its "reunion" interview between cohost **Lolit Solis** and **Gretchen Barretto**, their first after their big falling-out seven years ago.

We say "between" because Gretchen eventually ended up turning the tables on Lolit, and interviewed her. Viewers were glad to see that the two women had finally learned to forgive and forget. Would that other combative show biz people could rise above their differences in such a genuine way.

The third highlight of the show was its interview with **Amalia Fuentes**, who explained why she didn't make an appearance at the wedding of her nephew **Aga Muhlach** and **Charlene Gonzales** in Baguio last week.

Amalia recalled that years ago, Aga had introduced **Dayanara Torres** to her and her two brothers, but he didn't do the same with Charlene. She felt ignored and rejected, and thus decided not to attend her

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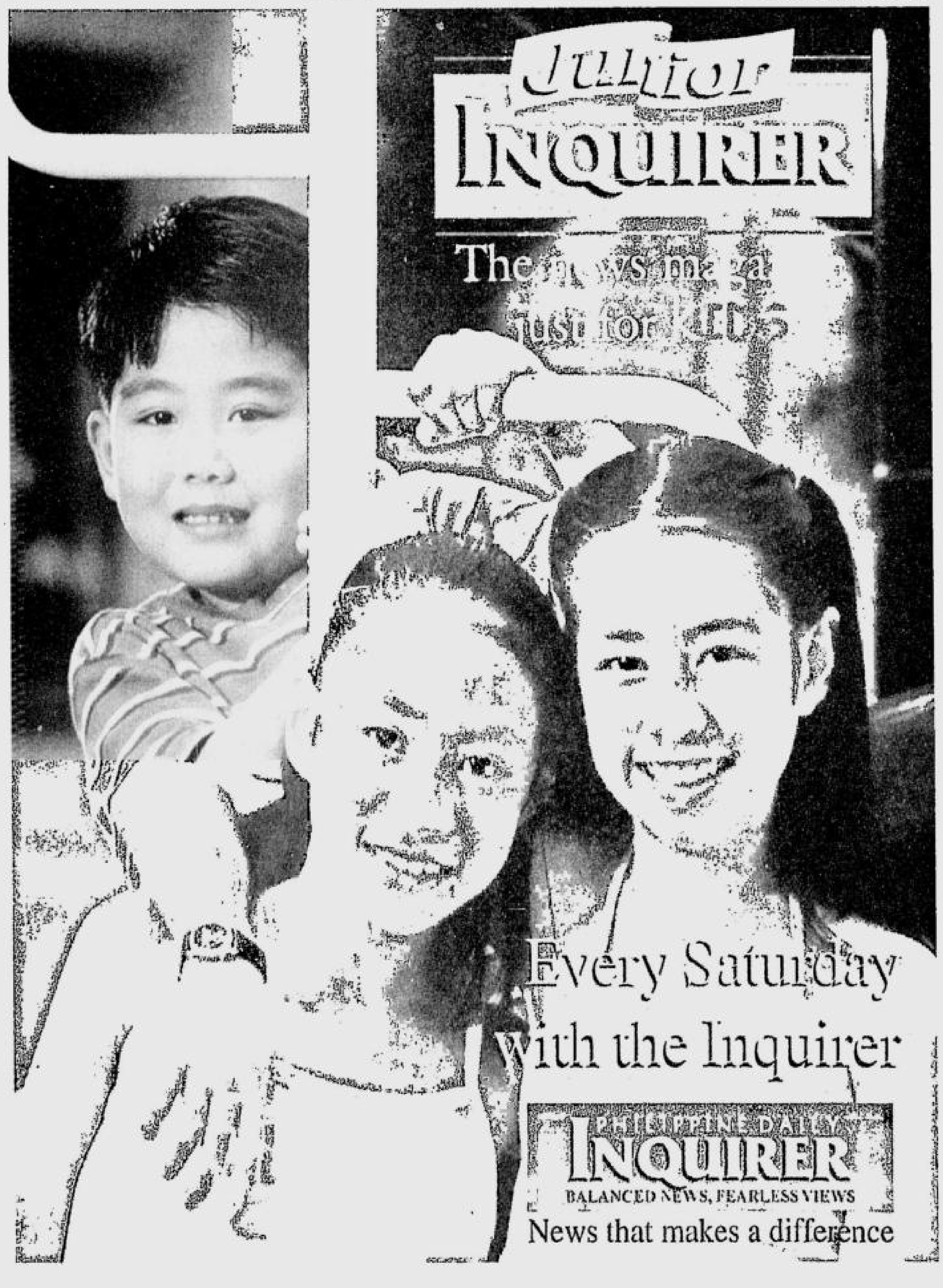
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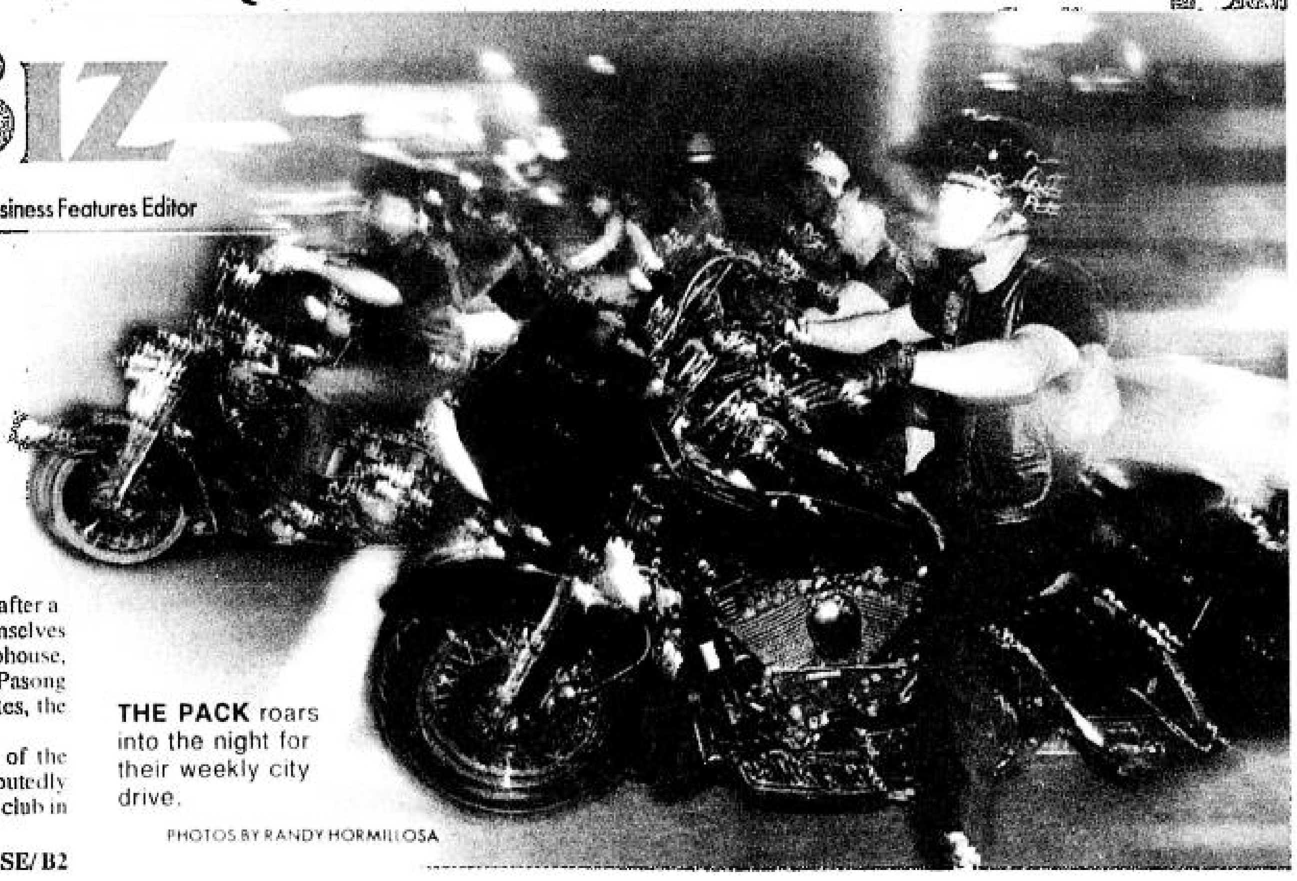

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PINEDA: Business is his passion

HE did his part as a good son. Ronald V. Pineda, the man behind the preppie Folded & Hung boutique, had wanted to take up business administration in college but he did not. He, instead, studied and finished dentistry to his father's delight.

After passing the board, Ronald practiced his profession and spent another one and a half years in school to specialize in orthodontics.

Ronald had already been practicing for a few years when he just woke up one day to realize that he was not happy at all. That was when he decided to take off his tie and white robe, donned the preppie clothes that he had always loved and follow the dictates of his heart—he plunged into the world of business.

Since he got his wish to have a dentist in the family, the father did not stand in the way. In fact, it was through his family's support that Ronald was able to "experiment" in his initial year in business.

Witnessing how Folded & Hung, with its F&H brand, grew to what it is now, the father is convinced that his son is happy and successful in his other career.

Real passion

"Not that I don't like dentistry for I have come to love my profession too, but business is really my passion," says Ronald. How could he not when Ronald and his siblings grew up in the company of business people? The parents are businessmen themselves. The father owns and runs a gasoline station while the mother has her own boutique.

"We all helped in their businesses. When I was five, I was trained to do the 'kaha' (cashier's job) in the gasoline station. Whenever we had the time, we helped our parents' businesses," he says.

So when the time came to try his hand in business, the family helped. His first try, a video shop in Quezon City that he put up in 1996, did not fare well though. The rapid change in technology—from betamax to VHS to laser discs to VCD/DVD—discouraged him from pursuing the video business.

"I had invested so much in my equipment and before I was able to recover my investment, the technology had already changed which means I had to spend again for new equipment," he says.

Thus, when an opportunity to go into retailing in a bazaar came up, he didn't think twice. He closed the video shop and sold out in 1998. "I practically sold out even my practice only to raise funds for my new experiment."

No collection, no story line

The new experiment was a seven-square-meter slot in a bazaar in Greenhills where he sold RTWs bought from importers. He says it was a typical bazaar—no concept, no collection, no story line—but it marked the birth of Folded & Hung (the name was coined by a friend).

Ronald admits that at the start, he was just like playing but the success of the bazaar venture on its first year (he was able to put up a second boutique in Greenhills on the first year of Folded & Hung) convinced him to put his heart and mind into this undertaking. He went to La Salle for a short entrepreneurship course and started traveling a lot to get ideas in fashion and determine what the market wanted.

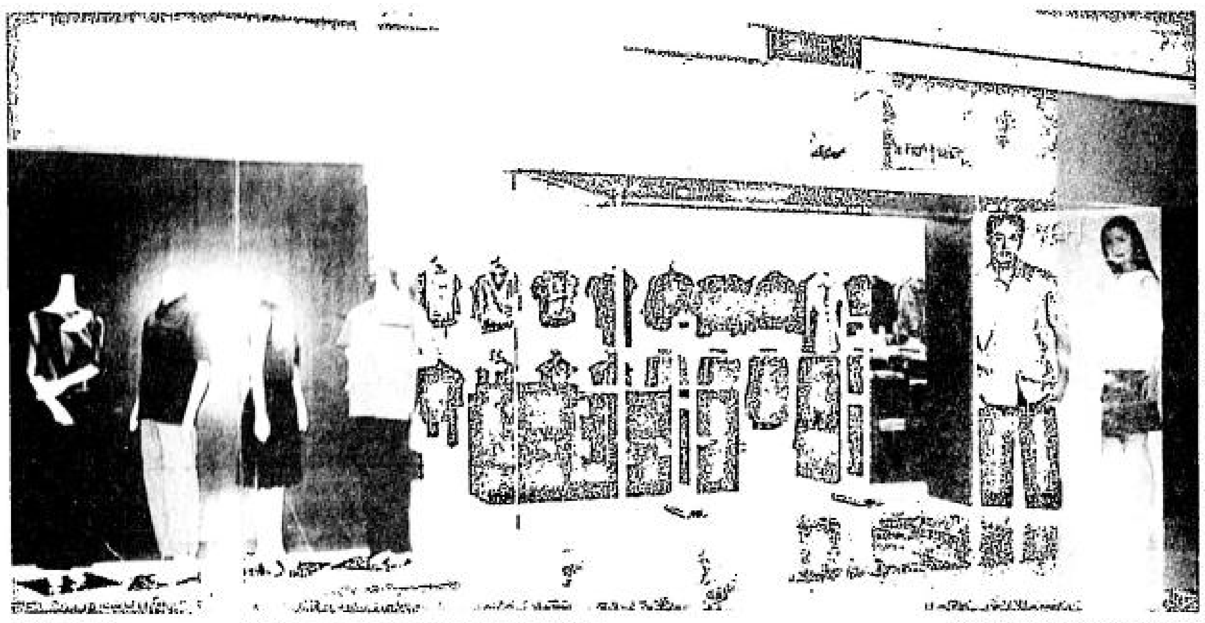
He decided to veer away from the typical bazaar style of business and become a legitimate retailer with a concept, its own designs and brand. The business was professionalized and Ronald opted to go branding.

The shop's name remains and its products, a complete line of smart casuals for men and women particularly teens, carry the F&H brand.

He asked his sister, who he says is very fashionable and creative, to take care of the Folded & Hung designs and pursued what he had always wanted, to become a mall retailer.

He applied for space in some of the country's leading malls. Barely a year in the business, Ronald was able to open Folded & Hung Greenbelt at Greenbelt Plaza in 1999.

But Ronald admits that the big break came from Robinson's Department Store. He was first given a space in Robinson's Imus in Cavite last year, which was followed by two other stores in Festival Mall Alabang and Robinson's Galleria in the same year.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IN just three years, F&H now has seven branches.

Folded & Hung opened its seventh branch, this time at the ground floor of Glorietta II in Ayala Center, last Wednesday. It plans to open soon two other shops—one in Robinson's Place Pasig and another in Designer's Depot in Manila

Marketing

The business has been doing well but Ronald refused to leave anything to chance. He is continuously strengthening all aspects of his operations with marketing as a special focus. Folded & Hung put up a marketing department and has been investing heavily on marketing campaigns including magazine advertisements. Folded & Hung takes pride in having some of the country's popular show biz and broadcast personalities for friends who help promote the F&H brand.

Now that the business has grown bigger, Ronald took in his brother Fel to take care of merchandising. His sister Claudette still handles the design (the company does all its designs which it sends to manufacturers overseas) with the help of professional designers commissioned by the company.

Ronald focuses on business planning and setting the vision for the company

Apart from putting up additional stores, Ronald says he is also planning to expand the F&H product lines to include office clothes, but this may have to wait until he is able to get bigger space.

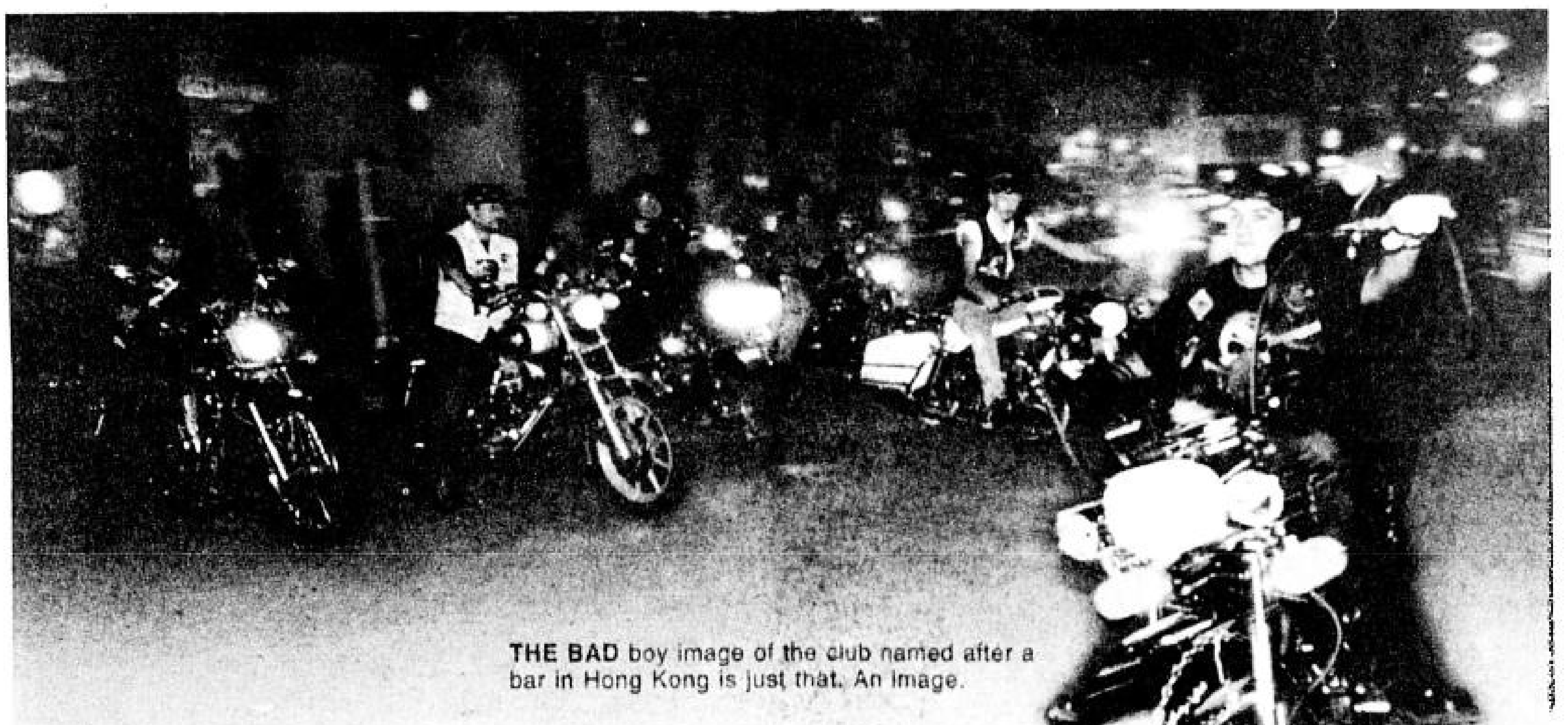
Vision and plans

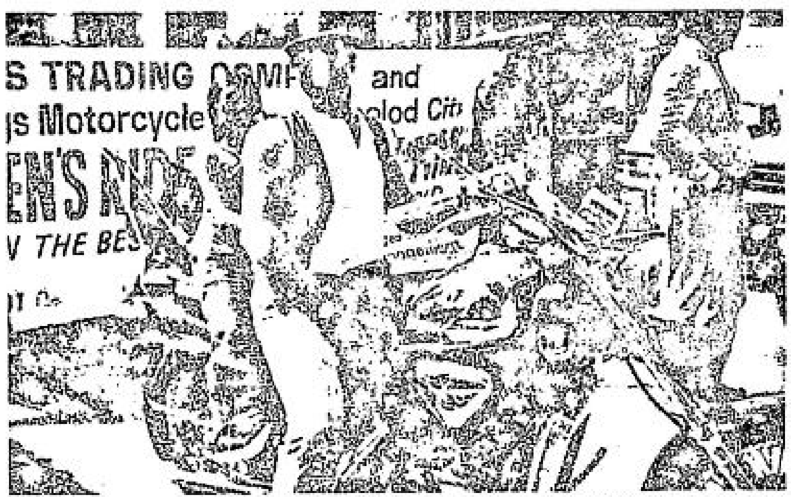
It is his passion for this business and a lot of hard work that nurtured Folded & Hung to what it is now. "It is my passion for this business that keeps me awake up to the wee hours in the morning setting visions for the company and planning what to do next," he says.

Despite the many milestones achieved by Folded & Hung in so short a time, Ronald refuses to admit that he is already a big success. "That might get into my head and stop me from working harder," Ronald says. Asked what a successful retailer is to him in his line of business, he was quick to reply, "Bench."

His schedule is definitely hectic (he goes to his Quezon City office everyday and does regular rounds of his stores at least three times a week) but Ronald sees to it that he still practices his dentistry once in a while on the side but only to family members and friends.

Now that he is into his first love, Ronald plans to go back to his other love, dentistry, someday "perhaps when the business is already stable."


THE BAD boy image of the club named after a bar in Hong Kong is just that. An image.



THESE bikers give children free rides.
MOTORCYCLE PHILIPPINES

'Behind the flashy bikes, tattoos and leather jackets are men who work hard to help others'

These 'dogs' are not mad after all

(From page B1)

Acting Mad Dog president Carl Huckstep calls the guys to start the meeting and the agenda covered—guess what?—donations to different causes, the recently completed volunteer work at an orphanage in Angeles, Pampanga, and the upcoming "Bikers for Life" project to raise funds for children with leukemia.

Surprised?

Huckstep admits that it takes many people by surprise, even disbelief, to know that these bikers are involved in these worthwhile projects. He attributes this to the bad image that people have of bikers born out of watching too many movies, like those that features the Hell's Angels of California that also happens to favor Harley Davidsons.

"We are nothing like them. That is a gang and we are not. We are just a brotherhood that shares a common love of biking. We are involved in worthwhile projects," Huckstep says.

"I would say that we are somewhere between a group that does nothing but show how much money they have (with the bikes they drive) and the outlaws," Huckstep adds.

The Mad Dog club is anything but a group of frivolous individuals who are out just to show off their big, beautiful and eye-catching bikes.

Huckstep, for instance, is managing director of Alexander Campbell, a consultancy firm that designs financial products for companies such as the Bank of America.

Other members include Peter Balon, treasurer of the Asian Development Bank, Rene and Hernan Mapua of the Mapua Institute of Technology, Benjie Toda, Romeo Santayana Jr. of PLDT's transport group, Darren Rushworth, director of Oracle's Asia Pacific group, and Tom Leber, the founder, and former president of Wyeth Philippines Inc. who is now assigned to Thailand.

Makati City engineer Nestor Morales is also a member, along with lawyer Manuel James Raterta, Manfred Spiering, artistic director of Basement Salon and Miguel Zosa of the Philippine National Construction Corp.

The rest are Filipinos and expatriates from 20 to 58 years old who either have their own business or are employed by large corporations.

The Mad Dog counts over 86 active members, 70 percent of which are Filipinos and the rest are expatriates from countries like the United Kingdom, Holland, Israel, Australia, Canada, Thailand, Japan, Switzerland and Germany.

The Dogs' birth

The Mad Dog club was born in October 1994 to Tom Leber and friends who share a common passion—riding bikes. It grew swiftly as other bike riding people joined in. At first, the goal was to focus on quantity but as the club grew, the attention shifted to bringing in quality members who believe in responsible biking.

In almost seven years, the Mad Dog club has evolved into a cruising motorcycle club whose members have at least a 400 cc bike. Although it is not restricted to Harley Davidsons, it focuses on that style of motorcycle. Others have Japanese bikes and BMWs.

The rides are held every Tuesday night and early Saturday mornings. Longer rides are scheduled in time for the quarterly meetings and the big annual meeting.

WHO let these dogs out? Some of the Mad Dogs in front of their clubhouse.

The Mad Dogs have traveled north to Cauayan, Isabela, and south to Legaspi, Albay, and Bacolod in Negros Occidental.

James Raterta, who is a director of the Mad Dog Club, says that contrary to public opinion, the bikers are responsible drivers. Under all that leather are people dedicated to driving right.

This is seen in the Mad Dog's code of conduct where members are obliged to offer assistance, ensure that their bikes are roadworthy and that they ride in a prescribed manner—no overtaking the lead bike, and they should stay within their designated place in a staggered formation.

Mad Dogs are sanctioned for unprovoked acts of violence, carrying unregistered guns, drunk driving and driving without side mirrors.

"We have to look after each other that is why we have to make sure that no one is going to pose any risk to the club and to the members," Raterta says.

The Mad Dogs screen the applicants or "prospects" by putting them through a rigid selection process.

Applicants have to be sponsored by an existing member and they have to go through a six-month prospect period where they are asked to do little things such as bring beer to the members, do volunteer work and then participate in the weekly rides.

The members watch out to ensure that they comply with the strict riding rules and to participate in the various projects. To paraphrase a quote from another biker, "being part of a brotherhood does not come automatically when you buy a Harley Davidson and wear leather."

Once they become full members, they are obligated to get a club tattoo on their shoulders as a sign of brotherhood and commitment. There are now about 100 tattoo members, of which 86 are active.

More civic projects

With a quality group and the growing prominence of the club, the Mad Dogs put their focus this year on corporate responsibility. This involves more charity works and advocacy to fight for bikers' rights.

The first step was to formalize the committees to handle the Mad Dogs' different activities.

The ride committee is responsible for logistics for the long rides, the clubhouse committee takes care of the upkeep of the Dog House, membership is responsible for screening and processing the applicants or "prospects" and the special projects committee handles the various outreach programs

It says something about the club, Darren Rushworth says, that the special projects committee has the most volunteers.

Rushworth stresses that the Mad Dogs is not interested too much on merely giving checks to foundations but on providing actual work. He says it is easy to bring the Dogs along to do these charity projects because they are one in the belief that they should do their part for the community

For the past years, the Mad Dogs have sponsored an annual toy drive and hosted an annual Christmas raffle to raise funds for a number of orphanages in Manila and in Angeles City.

Just early this month, 40 Mad Dogs completed the painting, gardening and the repair of screens of an orphanage in Angeles. They also hosted a Jollibee party for the kids, as well as give free rides to the many children who turn out to admire the motorcycles.

Since the Mad Dogs are often invited to the opening of different bars and nightspots in the city, they use it as an opportunity to raise more funds. One bar, for instance, gave a P5,000 check to a charity in exchange for getting the Mad Dogs to grace the opening.

Raterta says the Mad Dogs are planning other projects such as a free monthly medical and legal aid session with some of the barangays in Makati.

Huckstep says the Mad Dogs is also out to support the "Bikers for Life" project which is expected to be the biggest biking event the country has ever seen. It is aimed at raising funds for children stricken with leukemia and to highlight the different biker groups' plea of getting access to ride on the expressways.

"I know we have a reputation but it is not because of us, but because some people watch too many movies. For me, being part of the Mad Dogs is like having a big family where 80 family members watch out for everybody else, in good times and bad," Huckstep says.

And these brothers, leather and all, likewise make a difference to the little boys and girls who were lucky enough to get their help.

ACTING Mad Dog president Carl Huckstep updates members on the latest charity projects.

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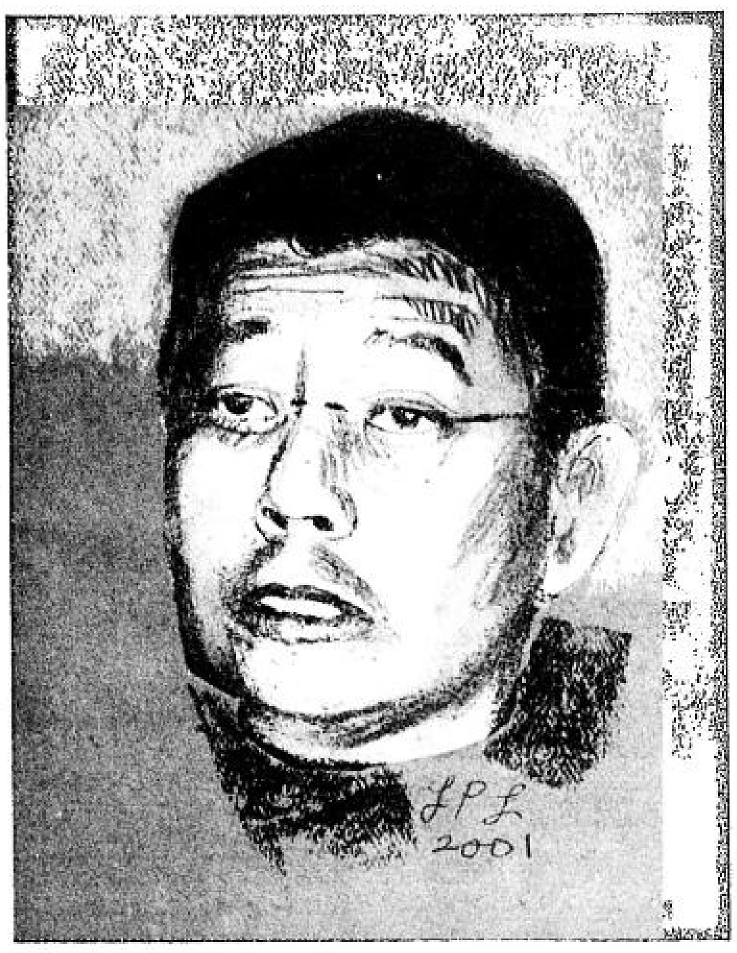

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Use fresh communication strategies to connect people to your vision

"The Leadership Solution"
by Jim Shaffer
McGraw-Hill, 2000

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EXECUTIVE READ

THE BOOK is frank and direct in saying one observed fact: "Communication functions in many companies are not really communications. They (companies) devote most of their time to formal media and channels." What?! Can you say that again?

This is the shocking observation of Jim Shaffer, one of the world's leading communication and change management consultants, in his book, "The Leadership Solution."

You may think that, at first glance, the author is making an outrageous conclusion not based on facts. But, when you read on about what he calls "connecting the dots," you will conclude that he truly knows whereof he speaks—and he has, as social scientists will say, "empirical evidence" to back his statement.

How many times have we asked CEOs if they have a communication program, and they invariably say: "Oh, yes, we have a media department and we have a pool of writers who crank out news materials everyday."

Or give this confident answer: "We have a hotshot PR person or broadcaster, recently retired from a well-known media institution, and he (or she) takes care of our communications needs."

Or, for internal communications, one CEO would say: "Well, we have this glossy newsmagazine that has even garnered an industry award as the best employee publication hereabouts."

With such answers, what else can you say? The well-staffed department, the hotshot retiree, or the multi-awarded publication seems to be the end-all and be-all for the communication requirements of an organization.

But, somehow you feel in your gut (and with some familiarity with corporate strategy) that there must be more that is required than a team of wordsmiths, a maverick media creature or a glossy glitzy piece of literature that, yes, has managed to be beautiful and elegant year in and year out.

No objections to this, actually.

But, the book says we have to have real communication. We must match what we say with what we do. This is nothing new really, except that the book has shown tables that are excellent for planning the verbal and the non-verbal elements in a communication plan.

Actually, the book comes fresh not because of such obvious communication elements, but because it gives us fresh ideas on audience analysis (example: we must treat our employees as volunteers, as we inspire them to "buy into our vision."

The book also forces us to think of a new communication policy dealing with the natural tension in a "communication continuum"—and of how we balance the "need-to-know" policy and a "full-disclosure" mindset.

The author does not endorse the military notion that only those who need to know should be informed. And he believes in one manager who has made it a policy to inform his employees first—"because they will soon know about it anyway."

The book introduces ways to connect people to strategy, and introduces the concept of "line of sight." It is actually a situation in which people can see a direct line between the organization's goals and what they do.

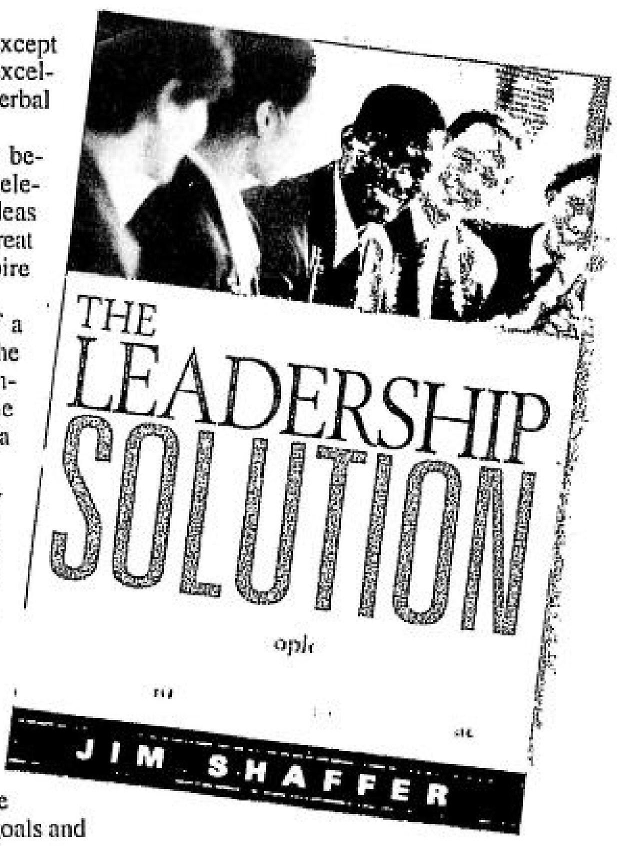
Is the book's title misleading? No, because the book has put together a package of insights, findings and research data that prove effective leadership has to master the science and art of communication.

It appropriately quotes Larry Bossidy, chair of Allied Signal, who said: "Communication isn't separate from the business; it's the way we do business."

This is a persuasive work that underscores the strategic value of communication to make your firm competitive.

Listen: "We are not going to win because of our technology . . . We're not going to win on technique . . . Instead we must create organizations that are, as the name implies, organic: comfortable with change and embracing an ethos of change, manifesting the life force that resides only in our people—free moral agents, not cogs, in a machine" (John Guaspari, "Across the Board").

Jack Welch is also quoted to prove the value of communication to effective leadership: "Leadership means more vision, more communication. We like people who are passionate about what they are doing . . . who have a vision about where they want to go . . . and can communicate that vision to the people they want to get there with."



Leaders must communicate beyond words. The book concludes with this suggestion: "Top management must think of themselves as actors in a silent movie. No one can hear a word they're saying. They have to communicate completely through their actions. They have no words, only behavior with which to communicate." *(dantemv@i-next.net)*

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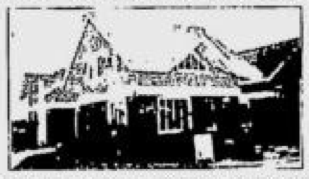

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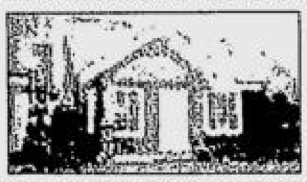

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(PDI-June 3, 10 &17, 2001)

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INQUIRER TRiViA

By BONG BARRAMEDA

Peanut butter

Q. Who's the creator of peanut butter?

A. An unknown physician in St. Louis, Missouri, created 'peanut butter' in 1890 as a protein substitute for patients with poor teeth. A local food products manufacturer, George A. Bayle, Jr., mechanized the process, and in 1903 a patent was issued to Ambrose W. Straub for a peanut-butter machine. A year later peanut butter was being promoted as a health food at the St. Louis World Exposition by a concessionaire named C. H. Summer. In 1922 J. L. Rosefield of the Rosefield Packing Co. of Alameda, California, developed a process to prevent oil separation and spoilage in peanut butter, and in 1932 began marketing his product under the same 'Skippy' as 'churned' peanut butter.

Ooops! Despite its name, the peanut is not a true nut, but a pod or legume, like a pea, and it ripens underground. You might not want to eat a giant peanut-butter sandwich instead of a juicy steak or hamburger, but peanut butter has more protein, mineral and vitamins than an equal amount of beef.

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WORD WATCH

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of San Pablo City and Cagayan de Oro City

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Her loving husband **Faeling**; her children **Melissa** and **Gemi Diawatan**, **Inan** and **Cecille**, **Lorenzo**, **Raul** and **Leah**, **Licerio**, **Malou** and **Kenneth Ferrer**, **Rafael Jr.** and **Stephanie**, **Oscar**, and **Tetel**.

Her grandchildren **Rafael Antonio**, **Patricia Soledad** and **Toni Marie Camille Diawatan Jebjeb**, **Necy**, **Marga**, and **Harold Floirendo**, **Raul Jr.** and **Francis Floirendo**, **Kevin Donald** and **Kurt Patrick Ferrer**, **Zandra Louisse Floirendo**.

Her brothers and sisters, in-laws, and relatives and friends request your prayers for the eternal repose of her soul. Her remains lie in state at #077 Corrales Extension Cagayan de Oro City.

Interment will be on Thursday, June 14, 2001 after the 8:00 AM Mass at the Greenhills Memorial Chapel, Bulua, Cagayan de Oro City.

Donations to the St. Ignatius Hospice Foundation will be greatly appreciated in lieu of flowers.

FILOMENA B. ESPIRITU

of Malanday, Valenzuela City

Died in the Grace of our Lord on June 7, 2001
at the age of 89.

Her children **Drs. Puring** and **Rudy Soto**, **Luz**, **Ely** and **Ret. Gen. Carlos Malana**, **Norma** and **Lito Deato**, **Mercy**, **Reynaldo** and **Felisa**, **Fr. Bernard SVD**; sisters **Josefina Tongco**, **Alfonsa Geronimo** and **Juanita dela Peña**; grandchildren **Marissa**, **Charlemagne** and **Lily**, **Connie**, **Isabel**, **Nina**, **Joel**, **Mary Grace**, **Joanna** and **Rinna**, **Vanessa** and **Dennis**, other relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her body lies in state at Loyola Memorial Chapels, Guadalupe, Makati City.

Interment will be on Thursday, June 14, 2001 at the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Nuestra Señora de Casia Church, 7440 Bernardino Street, Guadalupe Viejo, Makati City.

In lieu of flowers, we request donation to the Divine Word Missionary.

Juanita Mendoza Maniquis

of San Roque, Marikina City

has joined her Creator on June 7, 2001
at the age of 75.

Her bereaved loving children **Nennet**, **Gigi** and **Apple**; her sons-in-law **Richie** and **Boyet**; brothers and sisters, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her body lies in state at 110 E. dela Paz Street, San Roque, Marikina City with tel. no. 645-4327.

Interment will be on June 12, 2001 after the 1:00 PM Mass at Our Lady of the Abandoned Parish Church at Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City.

Atty. EGIDIO Z. FLORENDO, SR.

(1923-2001)
Died June 2, 2001 at the age of 78.

His wife **Adelaida**; children **Ed**, **Jet**, **Beth**, **Susie**, **Eleonor**, **Mai**, **Biboy**, **E.Jay**; brothers **Herminio**, **Antonio**; sister **Eleonor**; brother-in-law **Leo Ongcapin**; sisters-in-law **Avelina** and **Grace**.

His body lies in state at St. Peter Memorial Chapel, 296 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City, Metro Manila.

Interment will be on June 12, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. at North Cemetery, Manila.

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Carmelite Monastery, *Jaro, Iloilo City*	June 11, 2001	6:30 AM
St. Paul's Church, *Congers New York, USA*	June 11, 2001	6:30 AM

Ma. Cristine Charity (CHAT) Tutaan Narvasa

has peacefully joined her Creator on June 9, 2001
at the age of 40.

Her mortal remains has been cremated.

Her bereaved husband **Atty. Gregorio (Ogie) Y. Narvasa II**; her children **Carlo**, **Coco**, **Gio** and **Patricia**; her parents **Judge Eduardo** and **Presentacion Tutaan**, and **Amante** (†) and **Sincera Barba**; her brothers **Dodjie** and **Redd**; her parents-in-law **(Retired) Chief Justice Andres** and **Janina Narvasa**; her in-laws and other relatives request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Novena Masses will be held, 7:00 PM daily at Mt. Carmel Church, Broadway, New Manila, Quezon City.

Memorial Services will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2001 at 5:00 PM.

Message of Thanks

We, the family of the late

LUALHATI T. REYES

who joined her Creator on May 18, 2001

sincerely convey our deepest gratitude and appreciation to all those who offered prayers, sent flowers, visited and kept vigil, attended the funeral rites and condoled with us in our moment of grief.

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Her beloved children **Condeng, Rolly, Rosie, Dante, Zeny, Helen, Greg, Romeo** and **Jeje**; her grandchildren request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the family residence at #1 Santiago Street, Guinayang, San Mateo Rizal. Interment will be on Tuesday, June 12, 2001, 12:00 p.m. at the Paraiso Memorial Park, San Mateo Rizal.

JOVANNE PANAGUITON

Retiree of United Laboratories

Died in the Grace of our Lord
on June 8, 2001 at the age of 57.

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Died in the Grace of our Lord on June 1, 2001
at the age of 64 in El Monte, California, USA

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His remains lie in state at 33 Pao Street, Sta. Mesa Heights, Quezon City.

Interment will be at Himlayang Pilipino Memorial Park, Tandang Sora, Quezon City, at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 2001.

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Alvarez underscores importance of cargo handling industry

DOTC SECRETARY Bebot Alvarez underscored the importance of the cargo handling industry in the country's national economy, stressing "85 percent of our domestic economy relies heavily on maritime trade and our inter-island operating fleet accounts for over 95 percent of inter-island cargo transport."

"Quality and competitive cargo handling services is a vital key in determining our economic future due to the fact that the movement of goods and resources throughout the country is effected through maritime transport."

This was the message conveyed by Alvarez in his keynote address during the "Cargo Handling Summit 2001. The Future Defined" held recently at the Cebu Mariot Hotel.

Alvarez added that in the face of rapid globalization, the cargo-handling sector is expected to play a greater and more important role in ensuring the survival of the country in a highly competitive global regime. The fast and efficient transport of goods and resources to and from the country's centers of growth will naturally be conducted through sea carriage. He emphasized that quality cargo handling services is one of the vital keys in determining the viability and efficiency of these economic activities.

"That is why DOTC, through its ports authorities, has taken vigorous steps toward providing adequate infrastructure and policy support," he stressed.

The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) statistics show an expanding containerized operations in the busy ports of Manila, Cebu and Davao. From January to June 2000, the total container traffic reached at most 2 million TEUs, which is equivalent to 16 million metric tons in containerized cargo.

He also stated that the aim is to make maritime transport safer, more efficient and economical trough the construction, upgrading and rehabilitation of the country's seaports, as well as the improvement and modernization of all port services.

Alvarez challenged the delegates by saying, "while we welcome international trade with open arms, that does not necessarily mean we have to sacrifice national pride. For this reason, this Summit takes on an added dimension. You must determine the steps that need to be taken world-class standards. You must prepare to compete in the most efficient and most economical way. Our nation must not only survive the stiff competition; our nation must prevail."

AMWAY NEW HEAD OFFICE

Amway recently inaugurated its new Philippine head office at 0169 Quirino Avenue, Tambo, Parañaque City. The new office, which houses the corporate services, operations, finance and MIS departments of Amway, brings the company closer to its independent business owners (IBOs) and eases the distribution process with the central warehouse and a distributor center located in the same compound. Photo shows (third from left) Mar Jimenez, representative of Parañaque Mayor Joey Marquez, cutting the ribbon assisted by Fred T. Pizarro, Jr. (left) Amway Philippines country manager. Also in photo are (second from left, behind Pizarro) Suzanne Comagon, corporate services manager, Amway Philippines, Parañaque councilor Jimmy Nery (partly hidden) and Fr. Doroteo Andres of the Our Lady of Airways parish church.

Centro Escolar has new president

NAVARRO

THE CENTRO Escolar University Board recently announced the appointment of Dr. Rosita L. Navarro as the 6th president of the Centro Escolar University. Navarro brings to her post extensive experience in academic affairs administration and professional expertise in higher education planning and development. As president, Navarro joins educators who propelled CEU to its current prominence in the field of education, notably Dona Librada Avelino, Dona Carmen de Luna, Dona Pilar Hidalgo Lim, Dr. Dionisio Tiongco and Dr. Lourdes Echauz.

Prior to her appointment as president, Navarro was CEU's vice president for academic affairs and dean of the graduate school. She has received the outstanding professional teacher award for 2000 conferred by the Professional Regulation Commission, and the outstanding professional in the field of teaching award of the Philippine Federation of Professional Associations. She is a member of the Teacher Education Council of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS), and the Technical Panel for Teacher Education (TPTE) of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). She is also currently the president of the Philippine Association for Graduate Education (PAGE) and a commissioner of the Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities Commission on Accreditation (Pacucoa).

Graduating Summa Cum Laude in her Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Centro Escolar University in 1961, Navarro earned her Ph.D. also from CEU, majoring in curriculum and methods.

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SENATOR INDUCTS NEW OFFICERS

Senator Loren Legarda inducted the new officers of the Bayanihan Ladies 2001 at the Joseph Rice Mill Compound, Barangay Malasin, San Jose, Nueva Ecija. In her speech, Legarda emphasized the significant role of women in nation building. According to her, the role of women should not be undermined as women folks shoulder the double-burdened responsibility: taking care of the family and a career outside of the home. Together with the Senator is Representative Rico Fajardo of the 3rd district of Nueva Ecija.

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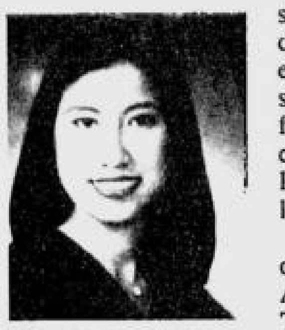

REYES

TAMMY Ann C. Reyes, executive assistant in the Court of Appeals, is among the 979 successful bar examinees out of the 4,698 who took the 2000 Bar examinations. A working student since pre-law, she obtained her Bachelor of Laws degree from San Beda College as valedictorian, law journal editor-in-chief and most outstanding law graduate. She was also a dean's lister at De La Salle University, Manila where she took her bachelor's degree in computer science. An honor student since elementary, she finished high school as class salutatorian from Philippine Normal College (now PNU).

The youngest daughter of Court of Appeals Justice Ruben T. Reyes and lawyer Ellie Cruz Reyes, the new lawyer is recommended for promotion as court attorney in the Appellate Court.

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In a bid to further strengthen its presence in the local hospitality industry, The Richmonde Hotel participated in the recently concluded Travel Tour Expo 2001 at the Megatrade Hall. Setting up its booth to look like a standard hotel room, The Richmonde Hotel was one of the more than 200 exhibitors who joined the three-day affair. Travel Tour Expo is an annual industry event that features domestic and international travel and tourism destinations, products and services. The Richmonde Hotel is one of the major players in the Ortigas area, providing impeccable service and the most advanced business facilities to a growing number of satisfied business clients. Shown in photo are (from left) director of sales and marketing Mellissa Ledesma, managing director Carmen Fernando and sales account managers Czarina Galano and Ria Rosal.

What may be trash today is treasure tomorrow

REAMSTOWN, Pennsylvania—He hurtles toward you, unleashing a stampede of verbs and nouns. He is talking product, talking art.

"The art of regular people!" he booms, finger jabbing alarmingly eyeward. His face squinches into a raisin and re-inflates as he ascends the on-ramp of rant. This is his favorite subject and—damn you—you're going to listen.

He's talking America—rocket-shaped vacuum cleaners and Skippy Peanut Butter and go-carts and Farrah Fawcett-Majors throw pillows and boxes upon boxes of Tide.

Alex Shear knows about it all, because Alex Shear has it all.

Like so many of us, he is a collector, though he despises the word. Others collect one thing, maybe two: baseball cards, cookie jars, railroad memorabilia. But this guy, he collects everything—more than 100,000 items over 30 years, 11 storage spaces in three states, fistfuls of money spent cutting swaths across the flea-market belt.

He's on a mission, this wild-haired man who peers up, up, up to the pinnacle of our era and sees, right there on top, the Juice King Juicer.

ALEX Shear wears a Coca-Cola driver's hat

"I'm putting together America like a great puzzle," Alex Shear enthuses.

They speak to him, these objects. They tell American stories—of families and generations, of war and peace and ingenuity and capitalist ambition. The same things that whisper to the rest of us, except he hears them all shouting.

We are three generations into being a society of products and things, defined by what we buy and how we interact with it. We are filling up our houses—and ourselves.

Over the years, the wise, wacky human being that is Alex Shear realized something. With each piece of the puzzle, he is collecting one more bit of himself.

And in smaller, quieter ways, so are we all.

They are your neighbors, cousins, colleagues. Folks like Fay and Jimmy Rodolfos of Woburn, Massachusetts (Dionne quintuplets memorabilia). Robert Ouellette of East Longmeadow, Massachusetts (chain saws) and Ben Guttery of Fort Worth, Texas (airline barf bags; more than 900).

Members of the National Cuff Link Society or the Blow Torch Collectors Club or the Roy Rogers-Dale Evans Collectors Association.

That collecting has become big business goes without saying, just watch the "Antiques Roadshow." But the diversity of exuberant acquisitiveness shows how American capitalism and American collecting have spent much of the past century walking hand in hand through technological innovation, a manufacturing golden age, a disposable culture and the Baby Boom that initiated a national craving for postwar childhood trappings—everything from boomerang-dappled Formica tables to "Brady Bunch" lunchboxes.

SAME TO YOU TURKEY!

SOME of Shear's collectibles decorate his Upper West Side apartment

So we have shopping as an activity rather than a means to an end. We have the Franklin Mint, which produces collectibles-to-be for every interest—from medieval dragons to miniature John Deere tractors.

And we have the master. Alex Shear, collecting his way across the land. Or, on a recent day, across southeastern Pennsylvania.

Take the Pennsylvania Turnpike west from Philadelphia for an hour, then pick an exit—21, maybe, or 20. You'll roll into a region that bills itself as America's antique capital. This is the land of Alex Shear's childhood.

Straddling the turnpike are dozens of antique shops, shacks, even gas stations purveying yesterday's itemry. Amid this clutter, the 60-year-old Shear finds nirvana.

He is fairly vibrating as he walks the aisles of the Mill Property Antique Mall. Yet there is peace about him, too, as he loses himself in the jungle of cheese graters, rusting marjoram tins and postcards from vacations long forgotten.

"I own about 500 potato mashers," he says to no one in particular.

Think for a moment, and his enthusiasm becomes understandable. That Fiestaware plate—a mother probably fed her child on it after World War II. That Tasty-Flake Potato Chips tin—a bunch of buddies reached into it perhaps, while seeing the Eagles play on their new RCA color TV in 1968. American life unfolded, and these objects watched.

Shear certainly did. And what drives him to collect is what drives many of us—memories of a safe childhood world that crackled with possibility.

One grandfather ran a department store; the other worked in the grocery business. His parents were toy distributors. "Every dinner," Shear recalls, "love came through stuff."

While his twin brother, Ted, became a food wholesaler, he trained as a marketer and became a product developer. Once, in 1970, he "went out into the fields of America to take back the American kitchen" (he doesn't say who took it away in the first place) and collected 1,000 gingham curtains to develop a line for J.C. Penney.

But in the early 1970s, something short-circuited. A lawsuit stole his mojo and some of his money (a lot was left over from astute investments, which funded his years of obsession), and he got out of the world of inventing products and into the world of collecting them.

"I lost my way," he says. "No! I found my way!"

Kitchenware was the first obsession, stacked in his mother's cellar so high that his twin brother worried for his sanity. Thousands of dollars, some said, were squandered, but Shear insisted, were invested. He began to visit flea markets and watched the people.

"It was like going to a chiropractor for them. They walked out straight up—the posture! And I wanted to COLLECT these people."

Before 1900, collectors were primarily wealthy; stuff wasn't as available. But when mass production started cranking out objects, possessions multiplied. People accumulated them. Collecting grew more democratic.

Now, a few generations on, rare is the object that isn't considered "collectible."

Collect old Boo-Berry boxes? There's a website. Coca-Cola Olympic pins? Join the club. Pez dispensers or cigar bands or dirt "from Elian's play yard?" Head to eBay and start bidding.

But when anything can be viewed for free on the Internet, why collect it? When millions of Pokemon cards are produced, where's the rarity? And if you're collecting what everyone else is, what individual statement are you making?

What distinguishes Alex Shear is not just the size of his collection, but how he sees it. He has turned his acquisitiveness outward. He's lent some of his stuff to museums. He's helping Americans learn their history, he says—through the items that they know so well.

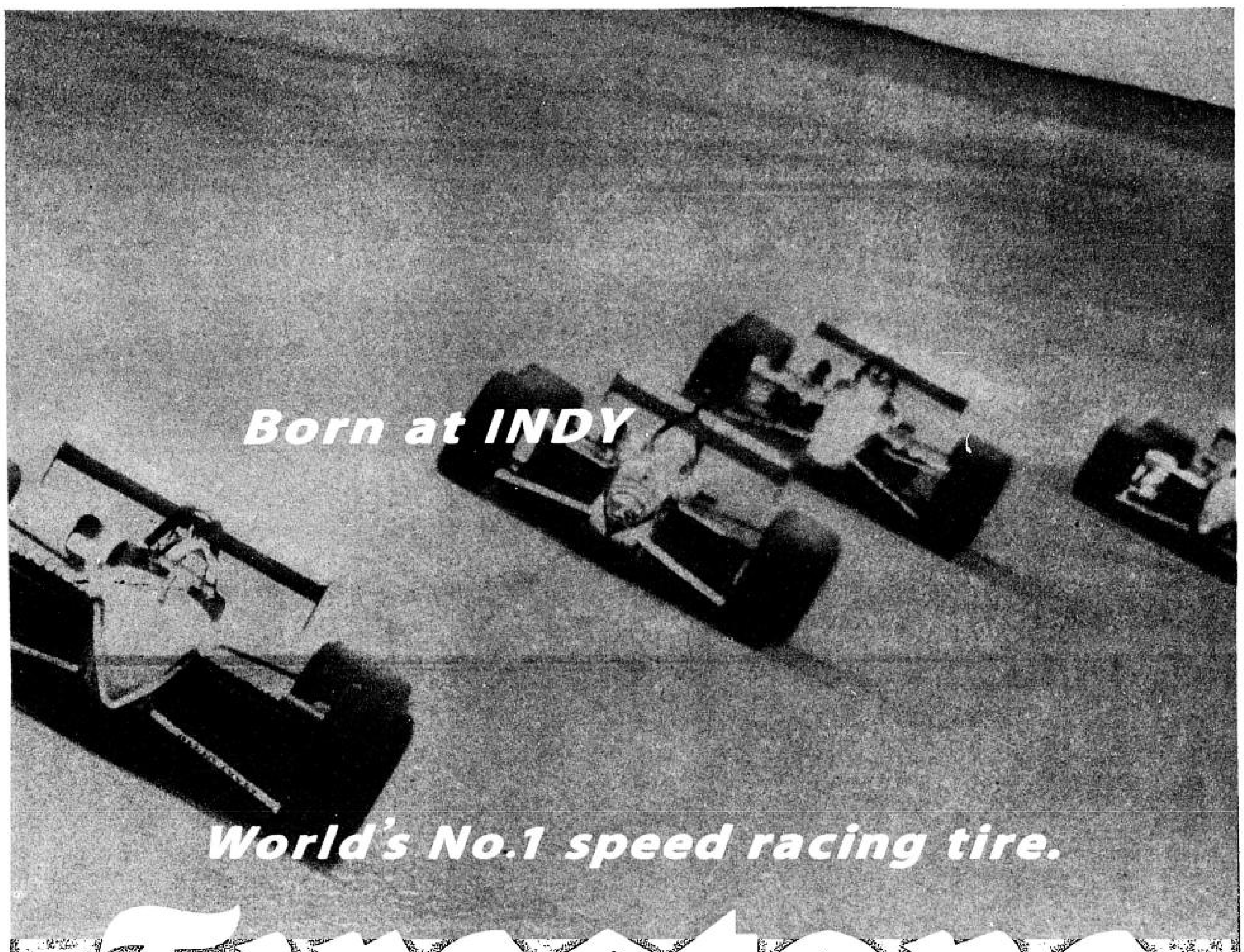
"With this stuff, I can teach black studies, women's studies—everything about this country," he says. "Imagine what people could learn."

Alex Shear learned. One afternoon, he was sifting through paper stacks in an antique stall when he spotted some invoices. The handwriting was that of a local toy distributor. Paul Shear, his father, dead since 1969.

"I can touch my father," he says, eerily subdued. "This is no different from going to the cemetery."

Maybe we're all trying to figure something out, those of us who collect. We don't become Alex Shear, blocked by stuff from entering two of his bathrooms. Few people go that far.

But perhaps you have a tin of deco jewelery stowed under the bed or a shoebox of 1950s baseball cards that you've moved into polyethylene-paged albums. Maybe you bid for a chunk of the freshly demolished Three Rivers Stadium in Pittsburgh. Maybe, like thousands of others, you went straight to Wal-Mart to buy a T-shirt when you heard Dale Earnhardt had died. *AP*



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Gambling tycoon faces end to monopoly

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went there with $10 in my pocket and became a millionaire before the age of 20."

Ho's first coup was to negotiate a wartime monopoly on trading between Japanese-held Hong Kong and Macau. He credits his success to hard work and "not taking 'No' for an answer."

He is known for his skills in tennis and ballroom dancing, and his reputation is that of ladies' man—at last count he fathers 17 children. The one pastime he has not indulged in is gambling.

"I don't gamble at all. I don't have the patience," Ho said. "Don't expect to make money in gambling. It's a house game. It's for the house."

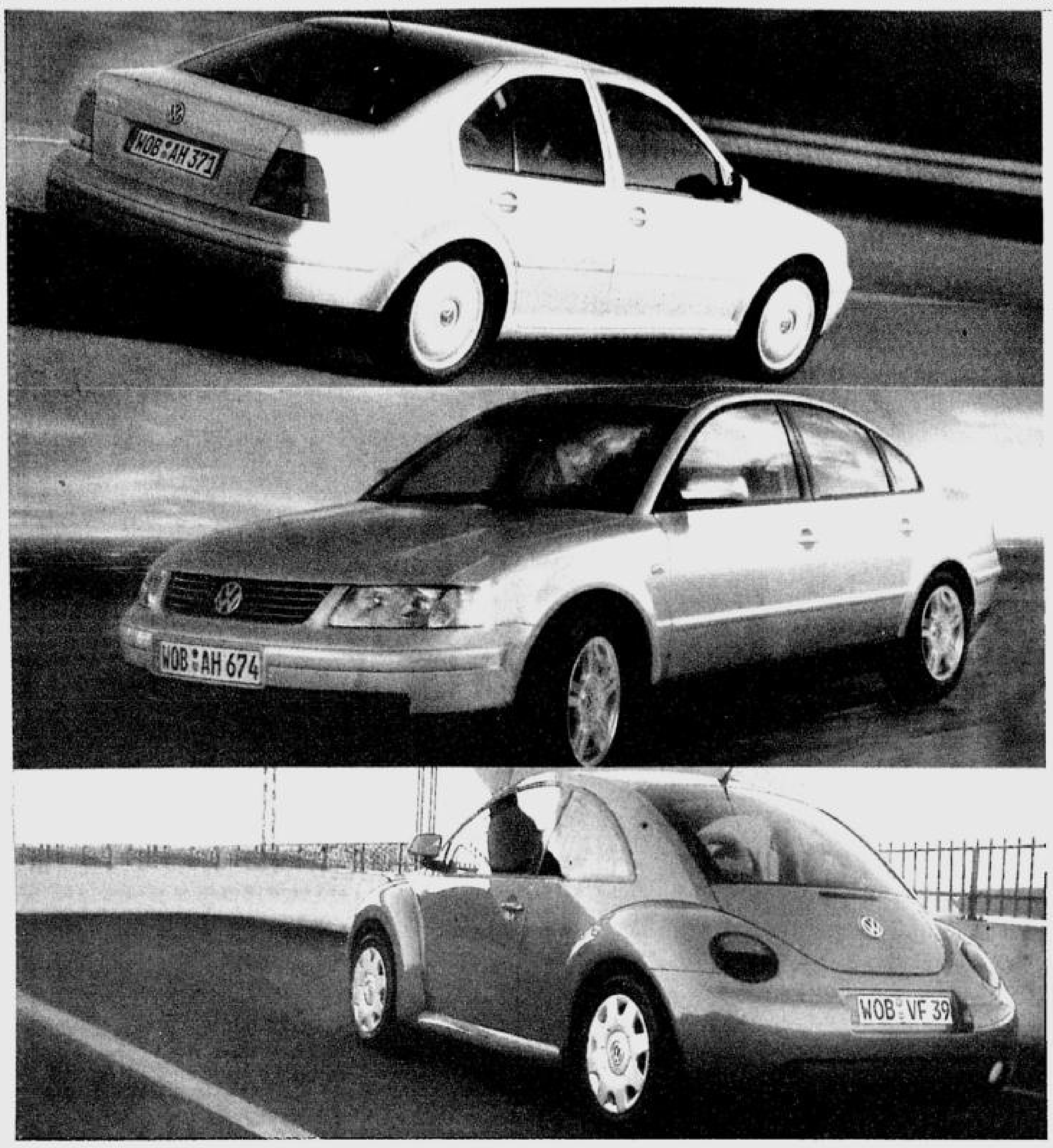
Several of Ho's children are executives in Shun Tak Holdings—his Hong Kong-based business group. None have gone into the gambling business.

Though he backed the cyber-gaming venture, Ho says he doesn't know how to operate a computer. "I believe in equity and bricks, not something you think of or imagine," he said.

Ho says profits of his privately held casino company jumped 20 percent in the first four months of 2001, and that Beijing's leaders have reassured him that gambling will continue to be banned elsewhere in China.

Competition in Macau won't likely come right away. Newcomers will need several years to build their casinos, and the government must find a way to finance the round-the-clock dredging that Ho's company provides as a condition of the gambling concession.

"I'm afraid they will have to discuss with me," he said with a smile. "They must." **AP**



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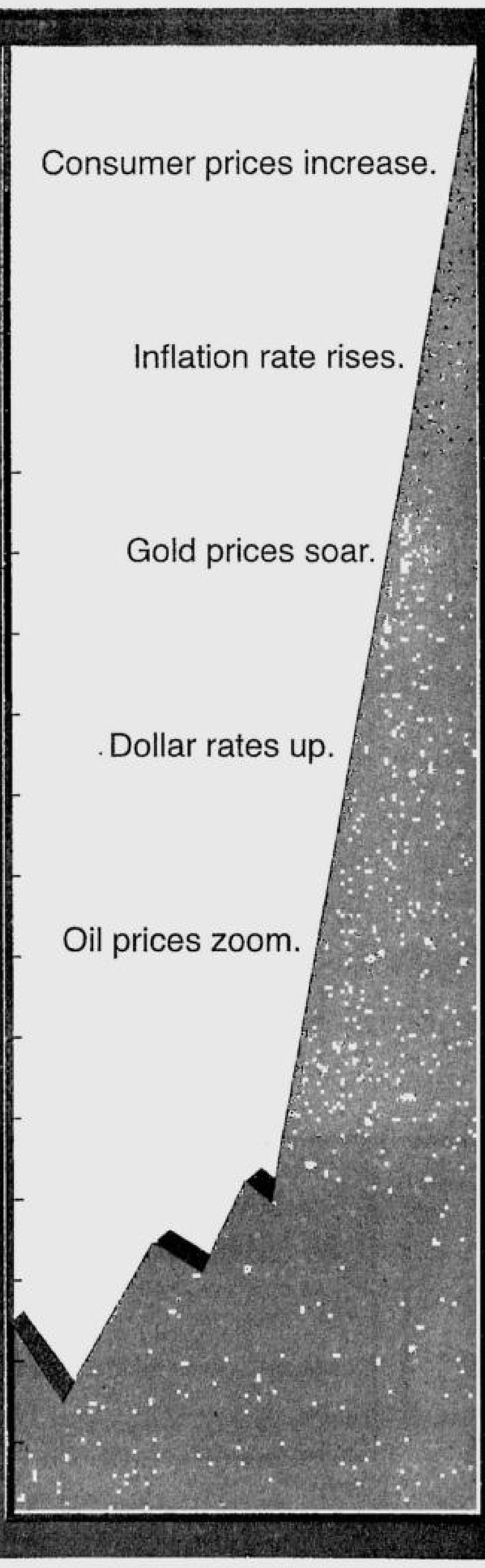
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2. **MECHANICAL ENGINEER** - Designs mechanical systems and prepares drawings and layouts for Hospital wide projects and supervises installation

QUALIFICATIONS:
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- Four (4) years of experience in preparation of mechanical design and contract documents, including two (2) years as Mechanical Project Engineer. Must be familiar with renovation of existing buildings.

3. **ARCHITECT I** - Responsible for planning, design and coordination of design projects from programming phase through completion of bidding documents. Provides on-site construction supervision.

QUALIFICATIONS:
- Bachelor's Degree in Architecture required. Must have Certificate in AutoCAD 2000 level 1 & 2, Certificate in 3D Studio VIZ R3, Certificate in Architectural Desktop R3
- Six (6) years of experience as a professional architect with a strong design background required. Three years minimum proficiency in the use of the following computer software: AutoCAD 2000, 3D Studio VIZ R3, Autodesk Arch. Desktop R3. Must be able to prepare computer generated presentations to include perspectives 3D and walk through animation for client approval. Should be able to instruct and assist outer department's staff in the use of the above software.

4. **ARCHITECT II** - Provides design and coordination of assigned projects from programming phase through completion of bidding documents.

QUALIFICATIONS:
- Bachelor's Degree or equivalent university degree in Architecture required.
- Two (2) years of experience with a strong design background required. Previous experience in Hospital/ Health Care Facility design preferred. Extensive hospital design and project supervision experience is strongly preferred.

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G. MASONRY
H. CARPETLAYING

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Candidates who meet the above criteria should PERSONALLY submit a detailed resumé with job description together with diploma / transcript, past and present employment certificates, PRC card/board rating/board certificate, if any, 2 letters of reference from present employers, seminars/training certificates, 1 pc. 2 x 2 picture between 7 AM - 4 PM for the issuance of KFSH Application Form/Medical Questionnaire and Interview of POEA Officer to the:

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Qualifications:

- BS degree in any related course, preferably in Accounting
- At least a year's experience as an Executive Assistant in a corporate environment in the private sector
- Well versed with office systems and procedures
- Well versed in computer software applications including word processing, spreadsheet and pagemaker
- With good people skills
- Fluency in English is a must

Qualified individuals should send (hand-carry, fax, e-mail) a letter of interest, curriculum vitaé and the names of 3 references not later than ***June 20, 2001*** *to:*

Management Sciences for Health-Project Management Technical Advisors Team

(MSH-PMTAT)
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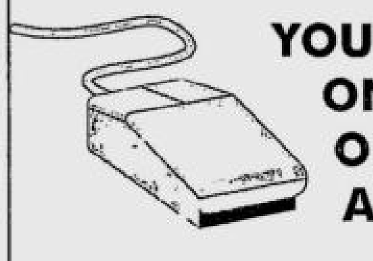

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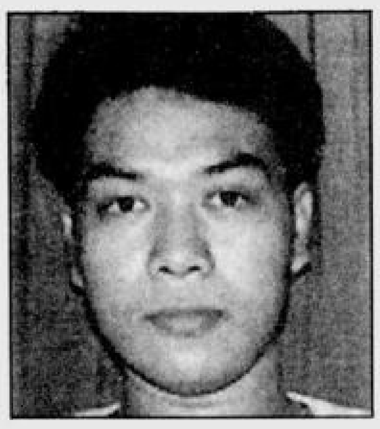

ENGR. CHRISTOPHER EDMYR I. SALCEDO whose picture appears above is no longer connected to **ASAMA REALTY & DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** since **April 21, 2001**. Any transaction entered to the said person will not be considered valid.

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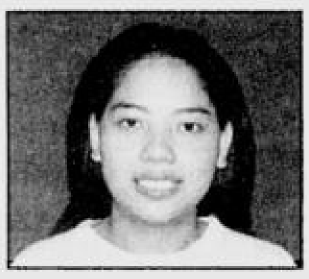

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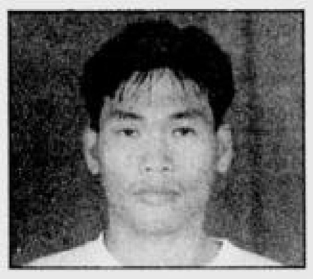

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This is to inform the public that **MS. MARILOU M. DIAZ** and **MR. PATROCENCIO R. DAROY**, whose photographs appear above, are no longer connected with **AGUILA GLASS - COMGLASCO CORPORATION** effective **May 17, 2001** and **May 25, 2001** respectively.

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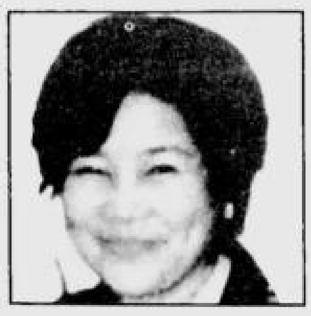

MRS. NATIVIDAD C. SACDAL also known as "Mommy Sacdal" whose picture is shown above ceased to be connected with QX MEDPRO and had never been authorized to receive payment for QX MEDPRO and issue its **Official Receipts Nos. 034 to 950** which were advertised as missing and declared lost for all legal intents and purposes.

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Province of Apayao

INVITATION TO BID

ITB No. KNC-01-01

June 4, 2001

To: All Eligible Contractors,

The Republic of the Philippines has received a loan from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) towards the financing of the cost of Third Elementary Education project (TEEP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds of the loan to cover eligible payments for the construction/repair of classrooms.

This invitation is open to all contractors from eligible source countries as defined in the *Guidelines for Procurement under JBIC Loans and IDA Credits.* The Municipal Government of Kabugao, Apayao and its implementing partner, DECS, in the implementation of the School Building Program (SBP) component of TEEP invites sealed offers/quotations from eligible contractors for the **Construction of Two (2) Units - Two (2) Classroom School Building in Badduat Elementary School and One (1) Classroom School Building in Tabba And Rehabilitation of Four (4) Units - Two (2) & Three (3) Classroom School Building in Badduat Elementary, Three (3) Classroom School Building in Laco Elementary School and Three (3) Classroom School Building in Kumao Elementary School, Kabugao, Apayao.**

Bid documents may be purchased at the Office of the Municipal Engineer, **Kabugao, Apayao** for a nonrefundable fee of P1,000.00 pesos on **July 04, 2001**. Pre-Bid Conference shall be held at the Municipal Executive Building on **July 12, 2001** at **Kabugao, Apayao**. Interested contractors may obtain further information at the same address.

Offers or quotations shall be valid for a period of 100 days after opening of quotations and must be accompanied by a bid security of Two-and-one-half (2-1/2%) percent of total quoted price, and shall be delivered to the Chairperson Pre/post-quotation, Bids and Awards Committee (PBAC), Municipality of **Kabugao**, Province of **Apayao** on or before 10:00 a.m., **July 19, 2001**.

The Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids which may be found disadvantageous to the government.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) **REYNALD R. TALIMBATOG**
Chairperson
Pre/post-qualification, Bids and Awards Committee
Municipality of ***Kabugao, Apayao***

(PDI - June 10 2001)

Republic of the Philippines
SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION
Makati City

ROSE BITUIN-CHING,
Petitioner,
-versus- SSC CASE NO. 10-14958-99
SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM,
QUE GIAM SIOK and CHING CHUN CHIAO,
Respondents.
x---------------------------x

NOTICE OF RESOLUTION ENTERED

TO: QUE GIAM SIOK and
CHING CHUN CHIAO

GREETINGS:

Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of May, 2001, a **RESOLUTION**, consisting of fourteen pages, was entered in the above-mentioned case, the dispositive portion of which reads as follows:

> "**WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED**, this Commission hereby finds, and so holds, that petitioner Rose Bituin Ching is the lawful dependent wife and primary beneficiary of SSS retiree-pensioner Sim E. Ching, a.k.a. Zhuang Weisen, at the time of his retirement on February 28, 1981, hence, she is entitled to the survivor's pension benefit accruing from his death on April 6, 1997.
>
> Accordingly, the public respondent SSS is hereby ordered to pay petitioner Rose Bituin Ching the appropriate survivor's pension benefit effective her husband's death on April 6, 1997, deducting therefrom the sum of the overpaid retirement pension received by the petitioner thru her daughter-in-law Marissa Casingal.
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> SO ORDERED."

SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION

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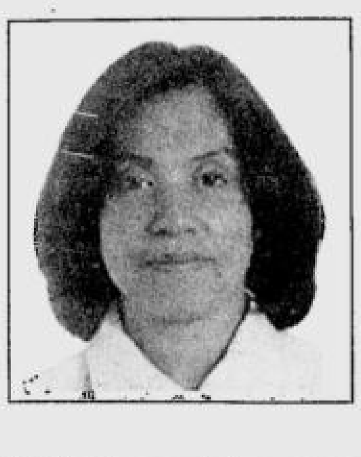

DAISY A. CELLE whose picture appears above is no longer connected to ***ASAMA REALTY & DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION*** since May 12, 2001. Any transaction entered to the said person will not be considered valid.

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The Arellano University Alumni Affairs Foundation recently honored the outstanding alumni awardees of Arellano University in a Grand Reunion and Ball at the Holiday Inn, Manila.

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Standing (L-R) Judge Danilo S. Cruz, RTC (Pasig City); Mr. Arturo Pagsisihan; Eduardo Castrillo, Filipino sculptor and painter; Dr. Jose Sanchez, consultant, MMC and St. Luke's Hospital; Dean Belen Antonio, representing awardees of the College of Nursing; Dr. George C. Cordero, President of Philippine Nurses Association Incorporated; Dr. Norberto Fabra, educator and administrator and Dr. Armando Orlina's representative; Businessmen Noel J. Gonzales, recipient "*Governor's Award for Recruitment, Rotary Club*"; and Carlos Chan, Chairman of the Board, *Chan C. Brothers Incorporated*; SPO1 Benjamin M. Javier, Luis Cedilla representing Gen. Romeo Peña; Councilors Atty. Rene Sta. Maria, (Mandaluyong City), Vicencio Arnold representing Mayor Amado S. Vicencio; and stage actor, educator Martin C. Ronda.

Seated (L-R) Mr. Oscar R. Apostol, recipient of *Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities* (1960); Sis. Ma. Salome S. Alipio; Vice President for health services of San Juan De Dios Educational Foundation, Incorporated; Bibeth Orteza, writer and actress; Sen. Rodolfo G. Biazon, Arellano University's most outstanding alumnus; Judge Caridad H. Grecia-Cuerdo (Pasay City); Judge Rustico V. Panganiban, Regional Trial Court (NCR); and Gen. Manuel C. Roxas, former Deputy Commissioner of Bureau of Immigration (1993). (**Inset**) Police Deputy Director General Romeo L. Peña, recipient of *Medalya ng Karangalan — Natatanging Anak ng Quezon* (1997).

Republic of the Philippines
MUNICIPALITY OF KABUGAO
Province of Apayao

INVITATION TO BID

ITB No. KNC-01-02

June 4, 2001

To: All Eligible Contractors,

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Bid documents may be purchased at the Office of the Municipal Engineer, **Kabugao, Apayao** for a non-refundable fee of **P1,000.00** pesos on **July 4, 2001**. Pre-Bid Conference shall be held at the Municipal Executive Building on **July 12, 2001** at **Kabugao, Apayao**. Interested contractors may obtain further information at the same address.

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Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) **REYNALD R. TALIMBATOG**
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Municipality of Kabugao, Apayao

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This is to notify the public that the following individuals and agencies are no longer connected with TLFA Marketing Services, Inc. and have ceased to represent the company as sales agents:

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The properties that will be offered to the qualified developers are:

Property	Identification	Project Site	Area (m²)
A.	Waterfront Mixed Use	Parcel 29, Central Business District (CBD) Bounded by Manila Avenue, Dewey Avenue and Waterfront Road	11,270
B.	Mini Business Park	Parcels, 66, 67, 70, 44-1, 44-2, CBD Bounded by Canal Road, Olongapo Canal, and Manila Avenue	44,000
C.	Dewey Avenue Offices	Parcels 55, CBD bounded by Dewey Avenue, Espiritu St., Rd. G and Fifth St.	8,570
D.	Convention Center	Intersection of Rizal Ave. and Tipo Expressway	80,000
E.	Business Hotel	Adjacent to Tipo Expressway and within the vicinity of the Gateway Convention Center	25,000

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Gambling tycoon faces end to monopoly

HO is unfazed by competition

MACAU—It's sundown on a Friday evening and the crowds around the baccarat tables at the Lisboa Casino are getting down to the serious business of gambling.

At the Jai Alai Palace, the Mandarin Oriental, the New Century and the Pousada Marina Infante, the scene's basically the same, and the proceeds are all going to one man—Stanley Ho.

Gambling is the business of this sleepy port city on China's southern coast, and for almost 40 years, Ho has been its boss.

But Ho's days as a monopolist are numbered. The Macau government has announced it will not renew Ho's gambling concession when it expires at the end of this year.

Dapper and fit at 80 years old, Ho seems untroubled.

"It's 40 years I've worked in the casino. It's high time the government should abolish the monopoly," Ho said in an interview at his penthouse office atop the Macau Ferry Terminal on Hong Kong's skyscraper-studded waterfront.

"We are not worried. We are the biggest company in Macau and the richest company," said Ho, whose assets have been valued at $1.8 billion by Forbes magazine.

Ho has been diversifying his business for years. He has invested in casinos in Portugal, Spain, Australia, Vietnam and North Korea. He has a small executive charter service called Jet Asia, and now the gambling empire is expanding into cyberspace with an online casino, DrHo.com.

The website, run by a son-in-law of Ho's, presents a jetsetting virtual world of zippy jetfoils, Rolls Royces, dog racing and roulette.

In real life, Ho's Lisboa Hotel—marble floors, massive jade carvings and famed French chef Joel Robuchon—exudes opulence. But there is little Las Vegas-style glamour in the casino, where patrons gather grimly beside gaming tables in a warren of crowded, rundown rooms.

Ho's 11 casinos account for more than half of Macau's economic activity. He owns most of the hotel rooms and the high-speed ferries that shuttle visitors from Hong Kong and other Chinese cities.

His dredges keep Macau's shallow, silty harbors open. Altogether he employs about 15,000 people, one-fifth of the city's workers.

"Since it's so profitable, the company pays relatively well. It provides a means of social mobility for its employees and for those in the civil service," said Antonio Ng, a local lawmaker.

Back in 1962, when Ho acquired the gambling monopoly, the tiny Portuguese enclave 60 kilometers west of Hong Kong was a dying fishing port deluged with refugees from communist China.

"In those days, the Portuguese said Stanley Ho was a dreamer. I have fulfilled all my promises. I feel rather proud in having succeeded," Ho said.

While his fortune was made in Macau, Ho has spent most of his life in Hong Kong. His wealthy Eurasian family sank into poverty when his father lost his fortune in stock speculation in 1934 and fled to Vietnam.

Ho was working in the air raid warden's office when Hong Kong surrendered to the Japanese in 1941.

"I had to throw away my uniform and run to Macau as a refugee," Ho said. "Macau treated me so well. I

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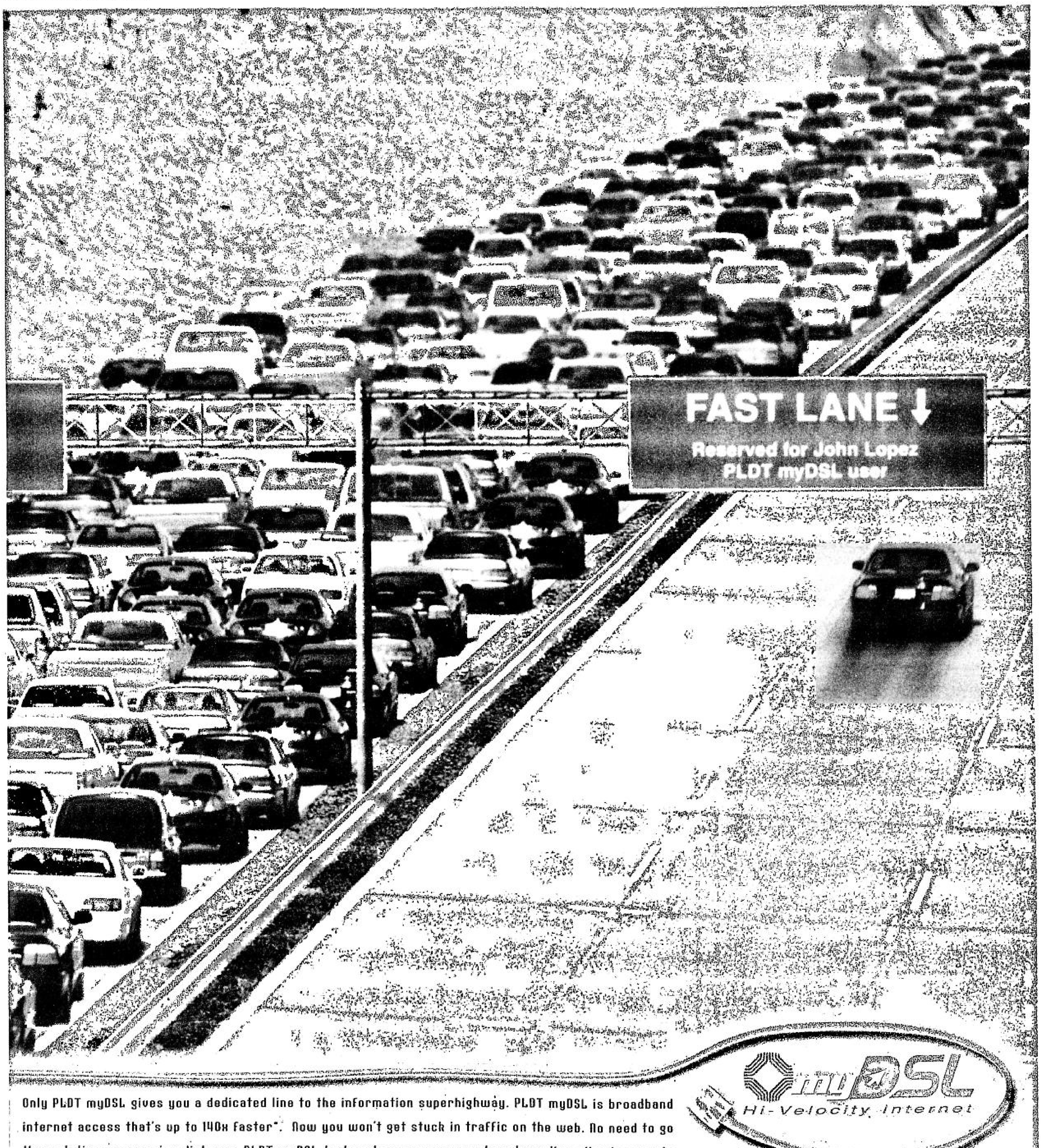

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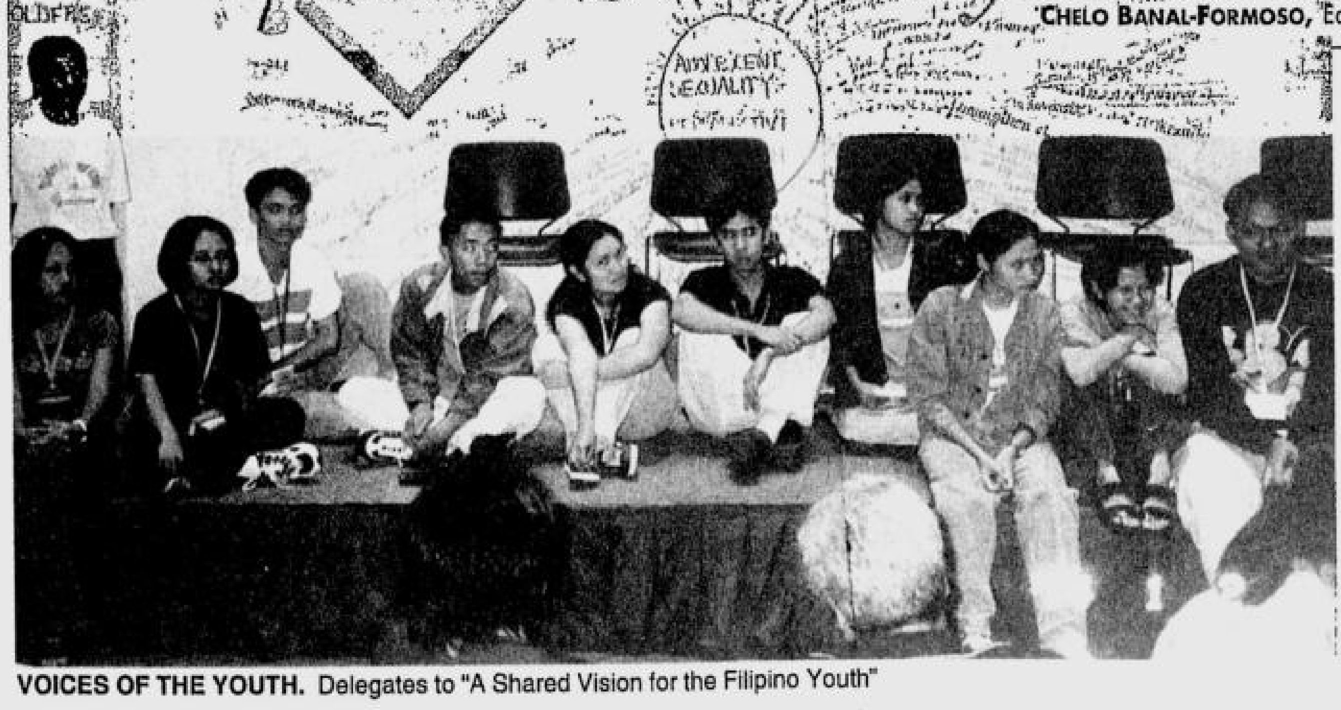

VOICES OF THE YOUTH. Delegates to "A Shared Vision for the Filipino Youth"

Sex and the adolescent

By Cathy Babao Guballa

> The vision is to inform and empower young Filipinos so they would not only know when and how to say no or yes to their partners but also observe good and safe sexual practices

ALL summer long my daughter had been badgering me to tell her about the birds and the bees. She is not even 11 years old but, supposedly, the previous school year some of her third-grade classmates had formed a huddle where "the more knowledgeable ones" lectured the group about the mating habits, not of tigers and lions and bears as seen on the Discovery Channel, but of humans.

For all my progressive thinking I found myself stumped when my little girl asked for information that in my generation was considered a no-no. Even in the early 1980s, asking one's parents

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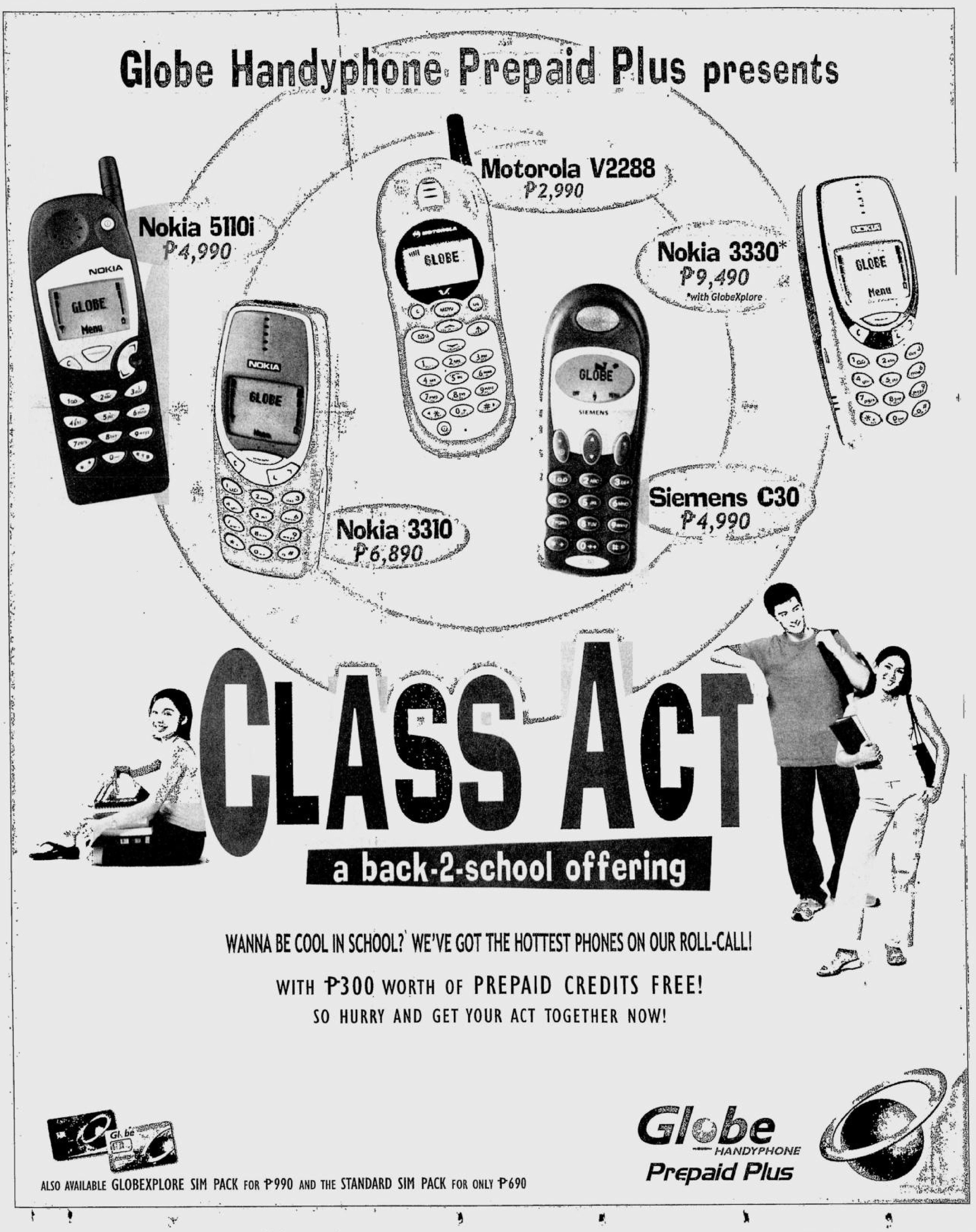

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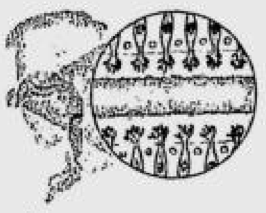
Dr. Gene Abes

SMOKING YOUR WAY TO A SORE THROAT... AND MUCH WORSE

Dr. Gene Abes, a Master of Public Health graduate, is the chairman of the ENT Department of the Philippine General Hospital.

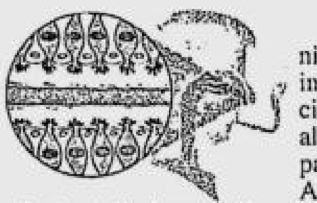
Smoking has never been advisable from a health standpoint, whether you have sore throat or not. In today's column, we will discuss how smoking, aside from causing sore throat, can also aggravate the condition by disabling the body's defenses against viral or bacterial infection.

WHAT DOES SMOKING DO TO YOUR THROAT?



Cilia in the nose-sweeping foreign particles out of the air pasages.

First, let me tell you about an important defense mechanism in our respiratory system— the cilia (sih-lee-ah). These delicate, hairlike projections line the mucous membranes of the body's air passages. The cilia basically act like bristles on a broom. They "sweep" dust, mucous, and other foreign particles like viruses and bacteria out of the air passages, toward the throat, where it is easier to expel them from the body.



Paralyzed cilia due to smoking-unable to expel foreign agents.

When you smoke, the nicotine and carbon monoxide in tobacco smoke paralyze the cilia. Thus, they cannot expel all the foreign particles. These particles irritate the mucous. As the membrane swells, the cilia can no longer function properly. The trapped foreign particles must be coughed out. This leads to what is called smoker's "hack."

Improper function of the cilia consequently sets the stage for more frequent respiratory infections. Why? With the cilia paralyzed and unable to help the body rid itself of foreign agents such as viruses and bacteria, these pathogens will continue to multiply and can cause infection.

That's one way smoking causes sore throat. But that's just the beginning of the many health hazards smokers can look forward to.

Smoking is associated with a higher risk for all major lung diseases, including pneumonia, flu, bronchitis, and emphysema. There is also a link between smoking and increased asthma symptoms. Heavy smokers with asthma are also more likely to seek emergency treatment for their condition during times of heavy pollution.

HOW DOES SMOKING AGGRAVATE SORE THROAT?

No doctor will advise you to smoke when you already have a sore throat. Obviously, smoking will not hasten the recovery process. Rather, smoking will impede it by possibly triggering even more respiratory complications.

Instead of having to cope with sore throat for a few days, you may have to wait weeks before your body is able to fight the viral or bacterial cause of your sore throat.

But the danger not only lies in your smoking per se. You are also just as affected if you are exposed to second hand or side stream smoke. Smoke that is exhaled by others not only contains the same dangerous chemicals. The smoke particles are also smaller, so they can reach the lower, deeper sites in the lungs. Thus, passive smoke can also be dangerous.

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If you have sore throat, you should not only avoid smoking. You should avoid being exposed to other smokers as well. Get plenty of rest so your body's defenses can fight whatever pathogens may have caused your sore throat.

As an added precaution, it may also be advisable to take oral antiseptics, particularly those containing hexetidine, to help your body rid itself of harmful bacteria possibly residing in your throat that can cause infection.

Next week, Dr. Abes will do an expose on Filipino folk beliefs on sore throat treatment.

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Leaves bacteria dead.

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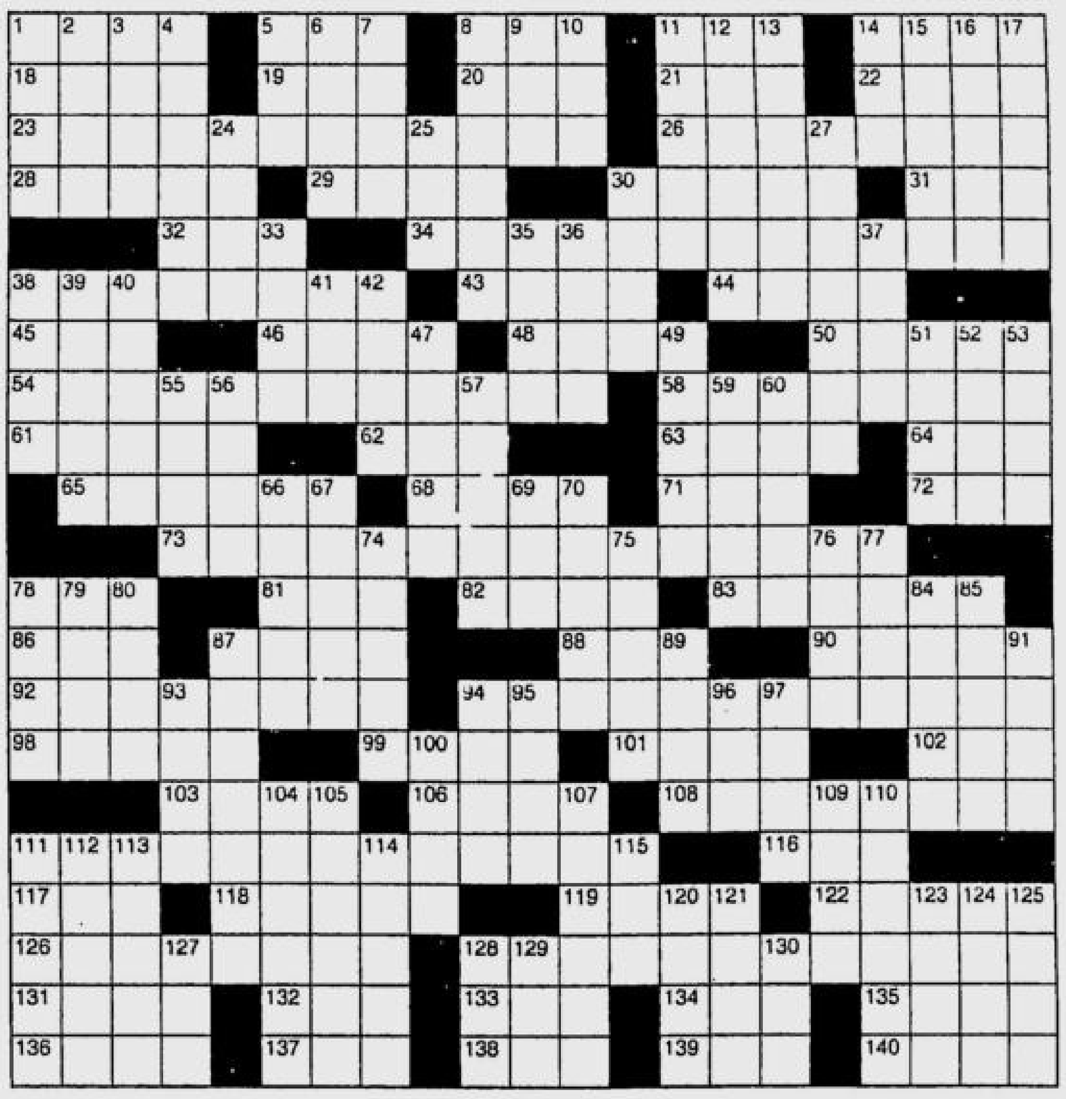

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ANSWER ON PAGE C7

Schools should facilitate learning and toward this, they should have strong leadership, competent teachers, bright and hardworking students, and, would you believe, clean toilets

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10 marks of a good school

BY GRACE SHANGKUAN KOO, PH.D.

PEOPLE often ask me what to look for in a school. Having been in school all my life and maintained professional contact with a variety of schools, by now I should be able to spot the differences between a good school and a bad one. I'm not about to name schools here, but the school that you would consider enroling your kids—or yourself—in should, at least, have a passing mark in seven of the following:

Strong leadership. A good school is like an army, a corporation and a household. It is disciplined, efficient and safe, operating within the framework of high expectations and achievement. A school needs a strong leader—a person with a clear vision and influence. One who has confidence in his vision and faith in his people. Wimps do not make good leaders. Dictators cannot last. Leadership is neither for the timid or the tyrannical. Leaders are not simply managers; they set direction and standards for the school. Leaders lead by enhancing the potential of the institution and the individuals in it. An academic institution, a school needs a leader who has authority by virtue of his academic credentials as much as his leadership skills. A school run by a businessman who does not possess enthusiasm for learning is as bad as one managed by an academician who avoids people.

Competent teachers. Student motivation and achievement is greatly influenced by the teacher. Aren't you more interested in a subject and don't you work harder, feel more motivated and stimulated to learn more on your own because of a good teacher? Teachers are the school's greatest assets. Competent teachers are those who have a wide and deep grasp of the subject, are clear and inspiring communicators, efficient in class management and are good life examples. Competent teachers want to be in a school with other competent teachers. Work effectivity and high morale are contagious. A good school does not skimp to recruit the most qualified teachers and to provide opportunities for their continuous education and development. Research has shown that Filipinos tend to look for friendly and

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10 marks of a good school

(From page C2)

approachable teachers over competent and knowledgeable ones. Students who really want to learn should know better. In the same way, competent teachers could learn to be friendlier.

Intelligent, hardworking students. School reputations spread with the performance of their students and alumni. To ensure the quality of students, admission screening is required in many schools. But more important, to maintain quality, student performance should be regularly monitored. Low performance should entail consequences. Quality suffers when schools in dire need of students relax their admission requirements. Motivation is a group process. Students perform at a level they perceive to be the class level. Teachers teach at the level they perceive as the middle ground. In a hardworking class that asks intelligent questions, teachers are more motivated.

Comprehensive library. I don't know what kind of education I would have had had I not made the library my favorite place in school. If education is limited to the little that was discussed in class, knowledge would be simplistic and one-sided. A good school allocates a substantial budget and space for libraries. Book acquisitions are comprehensive and journals updated. Some school libraries are for display—with impressive collections of encyclopedias but these are locked up. Many schools do not have a library to speak of; others do not give student access to the library, they merely set up a library for accreditation requirements. You could walk into a library and tell how scholarly the school is. Look at the quality of their books. I observed a school and found a shelf of "Sweet Valley High" books. Surprised, I asked the librarian about the collection. She explained shyly that the books were confiscated from students in class.

Clean toilets. No kidding! That was the reason I asked my daughter to reconsider her decision when she had the option to choose from the top 3 universities, having passed all their entrance exams, and she chose UP, to my dismay. UP graduates can sympathize with me and forgive me for my "lack of loyalty." Are clean toilets too much to ask for? Toilets are one place everyone has to go to every school day; shouldn't they deserve a full-time staff and a full tank of water? It is rather ironic that in quite a number of expensive schools, offices are decorated with panache and air-conditioned computer rooms display the latest models, but the one place that is most essential to survival—the toilets—look and smell dismally oppressive. In high school I had nightmares of the cramped and dark toilets that we had to endure (this must have some Freudian explanation)—absolutely not a room for comfort. A good school looks after the basic hygiene of their surroundings. I would advise parents of preschoolers to make a personal inspection of the school toilets in particular before deciding on enrolment.

Caring community. A good school works toward the student's holistic development. It maintains a well-trained staff to plan and coordinate activities and services for the guidance and counseling of their students as well as parents. A good school treats parents and students as valued clients. It does not pose unnecessary red tape to parents and students needing access to school authorities to communicate their concerns. A school that provides informal courses for *yayas* and drivers while they wait for their wards should be commended. One that assigns its staff to call up parents of absent students just to make sure they are safe is a caring school.

Culture of excellence. Principals or chancellors who strive for excellence inspire excellence from their staff and teachers. Teachers who hold high standards encourage students to excel. A school culture does not happen overnight or disappear quickly. It takes years to build or to chip away. That exactly is both a blessing and a bane. What values has the school built all these years? How long before it sheds bad habits? Sometimes schools need to look 50 years ahead and 50 years behind to understand why they succeeded or failed. Both tradition and change have their value and place. A good school cares for its name and works for it.

Efficient system and staff. Our society has a high tolerance for inefficiency. This mentality is carried over to schools—even to some of the best. I appreciate the Americans for their efficiency, planning, organization, scheduling, implementation and assessment. Predictability is something Filipinos must strive harder for. I observed that oftentimes days before an event or task, we would ask, "*Tutuloy ba...?*" It is as if we expect things not to turn out as planned. With this attitude, schedules are tentative, motivation half-hearted and promises delayed. A good school makes it its business to be in top competitive business form. We do appreciate a smiling receptionist who speaks intelligibly, with correct grammar to boot, a telephone line that works, secretaries well trained for the job, definite directions to follow, staff members who give you their attention, and a clear chain of command and accountability.

Proud and appreciative alumni. I'm afraid this may be one area that many schools fail to appreciate. How many alumni associations get a tenth of their alumni to attend their events? With the number of alumni a school produces, I find no reason schools should lack for funds for important projects. If only a fraction gladly contributes to their alma mater, then the school will not have a hard time raising funds for projects. Alumni from known schools freely identify themselves because of the advantage of fame by association. But when people ask you what school you went to and they seem never to have heard of it, would you just clam up and speak no more of it?

Functional facilities. There are schools that spend considerable amounts on building memorials of founders and celebrate all kinds of anniversaries. If only more money was spent on libraries, toilets, canteens, gymnasiums, and less on food for executive staff meetings, meaningless parades, honoraria for big-shot politicians who fail to appear and school newsletters that use expensive paper but are a spectacle of lousy grammar and boring content. A good school should look more carefully at the function it serves and assign expenditure and space accordingly. I always wonder why there are more *tiangges* than bookstores around campuses?

In his article "What are schools for?" Robert Ebel criticizes the use of schools as custodial institutions to keep youngsters off the streets, as adjustment centers responsible to help them develop self-esteem, as recreational facilities to entertain, or as social research agencies to discover solutions to society's problems. To these ends schools have obliged but failed in their principal duty—learning. Schools should facilitate learning, and the kind of learning that schools should concentrate most of their efforts on is cognitive competence, the command of useful knowledge.

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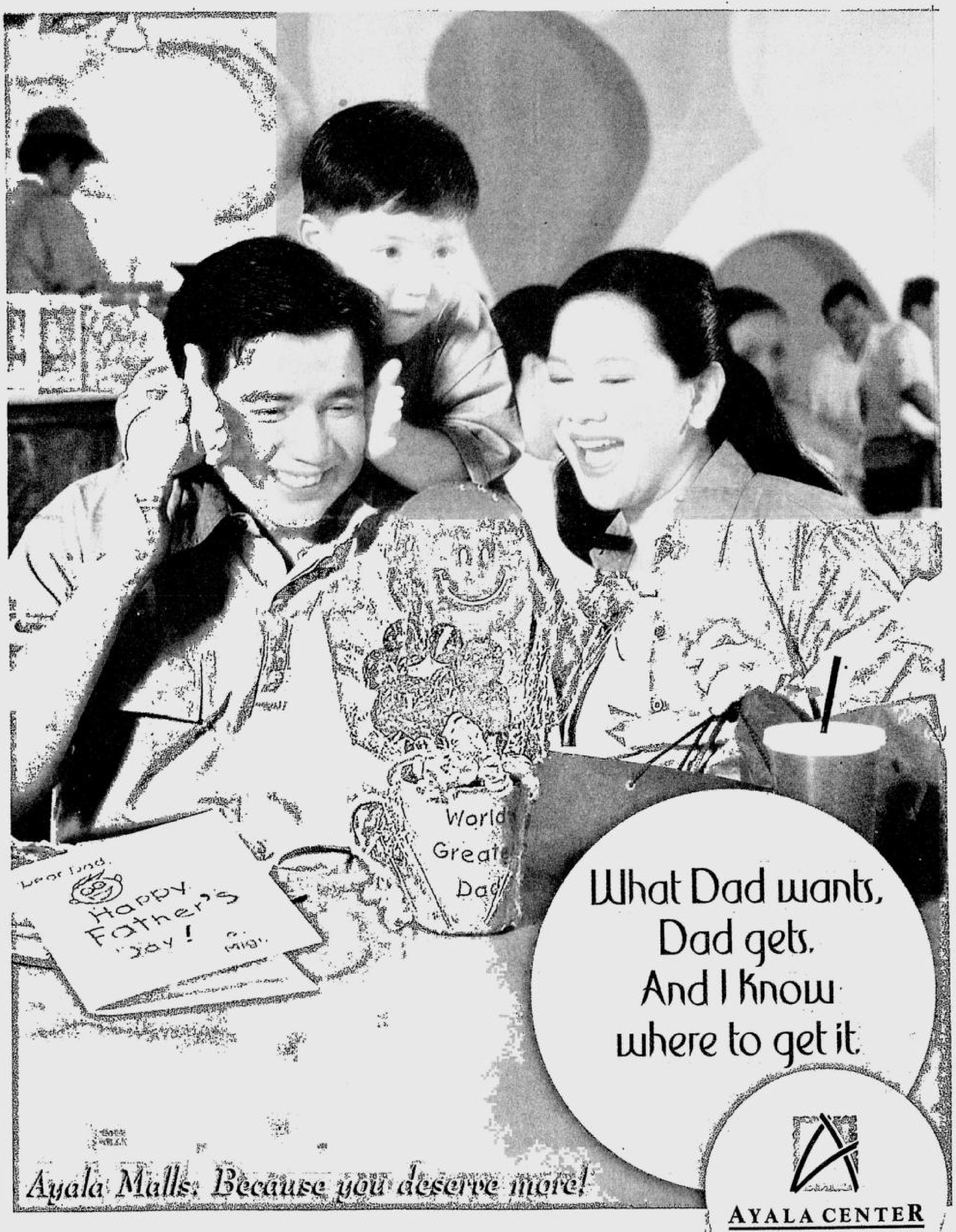
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Sex and the adolescent

(From page C1)

WOMEN FOR ARH. Cheryl Francisconi, program manager of Packard Foundation, Aurora Silayan-Go of Foundation for Adolescent Development and Sono Aibe, program officer of Packard Foundation

WOMEN in media, advertising and entertainment

about sex was literally asking for trouble. Looking back on my own adolescence, I realized that what I knew about reproductive health I learned from books. My parents were never the type to sit down and offer a discourse on the intricacies of making babies. Sure they warned me about "the ways of men and the world" and instilled fear in my adolescent heart about the perils of sex. In between there were a couple of lectures at school and a few black-and-white films on "how the sperm meets the egg" in my sophomore Health class at the exclusive girls school where I spent my entire adolescence.

Fast forward 20 years. Puberty now sets in at an earlier age and adolescents have become bolder and—perhaps owing to the influence of media—more curious about sex.

Fortunately some parents like me, are aware that teenagers today live in more sexually perilous times, have become open to reeducation. In the same light, government and NGOs have made serious inroads toward educating and enlightening the youth on the how, what, why and why not of sex in our city.

Shared vision

In the last week of May, representatives from different sectors of society gathered at the Manuel M. Lopez Development Center (MMLDC) in Antipolo to build "A Shared Vision for the Filipino Youth," with special emphasis on the future of adolescent reproductive health (ARH) in the Philippines. Participants came from government, civil society, the religious sector, media, the youth, private foundations, service providers, parents and caregivers.

The four day workshop-conference was spearheaded by the Foundation for Adolescent Development (FAD) led by its mother hen, the tireless and passionate Aurora Silayan-Go.

The David and Lucille Packard Foundation (yes, of the Hewlett-Packard fortune) based in Los Altos, California, has been giving a huge amount of support to the FAD so that they might do the work necessary for responsible ARH advocacy. For this conference, they flew in several members from the foundation and a team of excellent trainors and facilitators from the United States to participate in the workshop, which made use of the Future Search methodology.

For four days, we were ensconced in the MMLDC complex, which provided an excellent venue for tackling the issues and concerns surrounding the future of ARH in the Philippines.

The workshop was structured in such a way that there were no lectures at all. Lead facilitators Susan Dupre and Ray Gordezky, assisted by Florina Dumlao, Ma. Paz Nazareno, Madelyne Mamuri and CK de la Cruz, guided the participants in discussions and debates to formulate strategies that would benefit the future of ARH for the Filipino youth. The vision was to create a future where young Filipinos would be able to make responsible and informed choices with regards to ARH.

It was recognized that media would play an important and crucial role. Television would produce more shows highlighting positive role models for teens—not necessarily lead characters who would abstain from sex but those who would practice safe sex. Newspapers and magazines would be encouraged to feature more stories about choices for teenagers—they could choose to abstain or indulge but take precautions—and where they can go for help whatever choice they make.

Part of the vision was that churches would be more actively involved in formulating policies. The religious sector had perhaps the most difficult time coming up with what they would like to see happen. After much debate and a long-drawn discussion on the choice of politically correct terminology, and perhaps owing to the diversity of the group (Catholic, Protestant, Muslim), their vision was vague. They hoped that the various churches would take a proactive stance in highlighting the importance of responsible ARH in their own respective spheres of influence. Considering what is taking place right now, that seems to be wishful thinking.

Service providers, on the one hand, hoped that more funding would come in from private donors and organizations so they could complete projects and invest in advocacy programs that would help the youth make the necessary choices. Interestingly, a group of educators from the Department of Education Culture and Sports pledged to include ARH lessons in the curriculum as applied through a life skills approach.

Reeducating parents

Although I was invited as a media representative, the mother in me absorbed the discussions in a different light. I was most struck by the revelation that nine out of 10 youths indicated they would rather learn about sex and sexuality from their parents than from school or their peers. One morning session was devoted to listening to what the youth had to say where this desire to be informed was echoed.

When asked if they felt that knowing more about responsible ARH would encourage them to be more sexually active, one young man said that "on the contrary, being armed with the right information would make me aware of the possible consequences of my act." Another young girl who had been a victim of child abuse told the group that had she only known about her rights early on, it would have probably saved her from much heartache. Another participant who, at 15, was a commercial sex worker has been devoting her time and effort to educating other commercial sex workers about their bodies and their reproductive rights.

Clearly, learning about sexuality is a lifelong process and an essential part of every person's socialization. Andrea Irvin of the International Women's Health Coalition says that messages about sexuality are communicated directly or indirectly through everyday interactions and experiences and exposure to a wide variety of influences. Sources and places of sexual learning include parents and other relatives, close friends and peer groups, schools, the mass media, religious institutions and other gathering places. Irvin says that sexuality education is something that happens whether or not we undertake it consciously and formally.

Thus, at the workshop, one of the key points raised was to encourage more openness within the family with regard to sexuality and ARH education. The home is still the primary and the best place to learn about reproduction and sexual health. How the parent explains it to the child or adolescent is what needs to be worked on as many are at a loss on how to begin such discussions at home. Irvin adds that comprehensive sexuality education is a consciously planned, usually formal process for teaching about the biological, psychological, sociocultural and spiritual aspects of human sexuality and for developing the skills and attitudes necessary for a positive and healthy sexual life. Sexuality education, she says, approaches sexuality as a natural, positive and healthy part of human life, and addresses the pleasures and joys of human sexuality as well as its undesirable aspects, such as sexual violence or sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).

The role of the FAD

The FAD conducts symposia in schools all over the country to advocate the need for responsible ARH. In addition to their Dial A Friend Hotlines (734-8902/8903) that provide peer counseling, choices and support, there is also an AIDS Hotline (734-9564) which answers questions and concerns regarding HIV-AIDS, and a hotline specifically addressing the needs of the young Filipino male (734-9663).

They have also produced educational videos that focus on Adolescent Health, Sexuality and Development. "A to Z," an MTV-type, provides an overview of the different issues confronting teenagers and young adults, such as drugs, teenage pregnancy, premarital sex, HIV-AIDS and STDs. It features a VJ interviewing a psychologist about adolescence and a group of

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teens recounting their varied experiences. "Bawal Pumasok/Do Not Enter" focuses on the boy-girl relationship and the consequences of saying yes or no to teenage sex. The video explores issues like the dangers of sexual intimacy and the possibility of acquiring AIDS or STD. "How to Say No" tells teenagers about the need to delay sexual initiation. When it's not the right time, place or situation, sex is usually not the best and only way to express love. The video also demonstrates some skills required in negotiating where one can confidently say no to sex. Lastly, a video called "True Love Waits" asks if safe sex is the most responsible thing you could do or is it even more responsible to wait until marriage. The video encourages abstinence before marriage and, more importantly, gives attention to the decision-making process in sexual relationships. Fortunately for today's parents and especially adolescents, FAD's videos have come a long way from the grainy black-and-white films of my youth.

These new videos should be welcomed with open arms by guidance counselors who are bombarded daily with questions about sex and sexuality, especially in high schools where raging hormones are just that, raging. They will make life easier for counselors who may be at a loss on how to begin a lecture on responsible reproductive health. On the home front, these well-made films would also make it easier for a parent to initiate discussions on sex and reproductive health.

DENNIS Villamar (youth representative), Emily Dayacus of the Department of Labor Employment, Ritchelle Magalona (parent and caregiver) and Nerissa Baganian (religious sector)

It's never too late or too early to begin sexuality education, which is defined as covering all aspects of becoming and being a person who is aware of his or her bodily functions and sexual urges. The scope of this kind of education is biological, psychological, social, economic and cultural, exploring as it does values and social skills necessary in keeping sexually healthy.

At the close of the conference, Silayan-Go, who has been actively working for the Popcom and FAD for the last 30 years, made a more personal pledge, which was to educate and empower her own granddaughter, nieces and nephews about responsible ARH.

Hearing about the youth's cry for education from their parents about ARH, and being surrounded by people so passionately committed to the cause, I realized that putting off a discussion on the birds and the bees with my 10-year-old may do more harm than good.

For more information on FAD's videos, call 734-8914/1788

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Alabang Town Center merits ICSC recognition

AFTER SUCCESSFULLY completing its expansion two years ago, the Alabang Town Center (ATC) recently won a Certificate of Merit in the Renovation or Expansion of an Existing Project category of the 2001 International Design and Development Program of the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC).

With its variety of merchants, spanning a cross-section of tastes, styles and price points, complemented by its homey, neighborhood- type atmosphere and architecture, the ATC has become the kind of place people feel most comfortable hanging out in. These factors are what the ICSC judges saw.

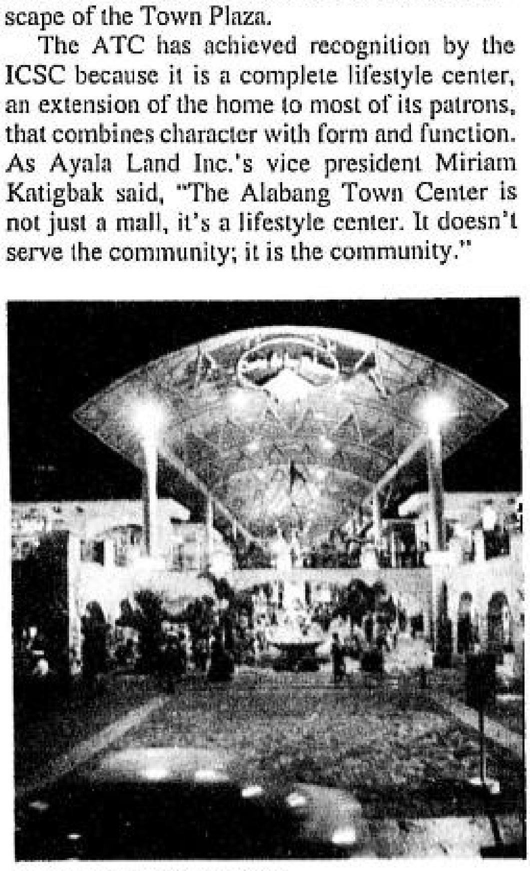
The ICSC, which held its convention in Manila last year, is the biggest trade association of the shopping center industry with over 39,000 members in 77 countries. With its goal of uplifting the standards for development of shopping centers and giving global recognition to outstanding projects, the council has designed a yearly international Design and Development Awards Program. The certificate of merit ATC received was based on a set criteria that included improvement of an existing space, its methods of keeping the center open during construction, new marketing and re-letting/re-merchandising approaches, refinancing techniques, innovative design and construction approaches and adoptive reuse of the structure.

The ATC throughout the years has transformed and continues to grow and develop with the community it serves. In 1994, a community center, which features a four-wing gallery using Spanish architectural elements, was constructed in the former Twin Cinema Arcade. The center was renovated with air-conditioned *paseos*, shaded arcades and galleries surrounding the Town Plaza that is an elliptical open-air courtyard filled with trees, a gilded fountain and an amphitheater located at the heart of the mall, not a common concept to shopping centers.

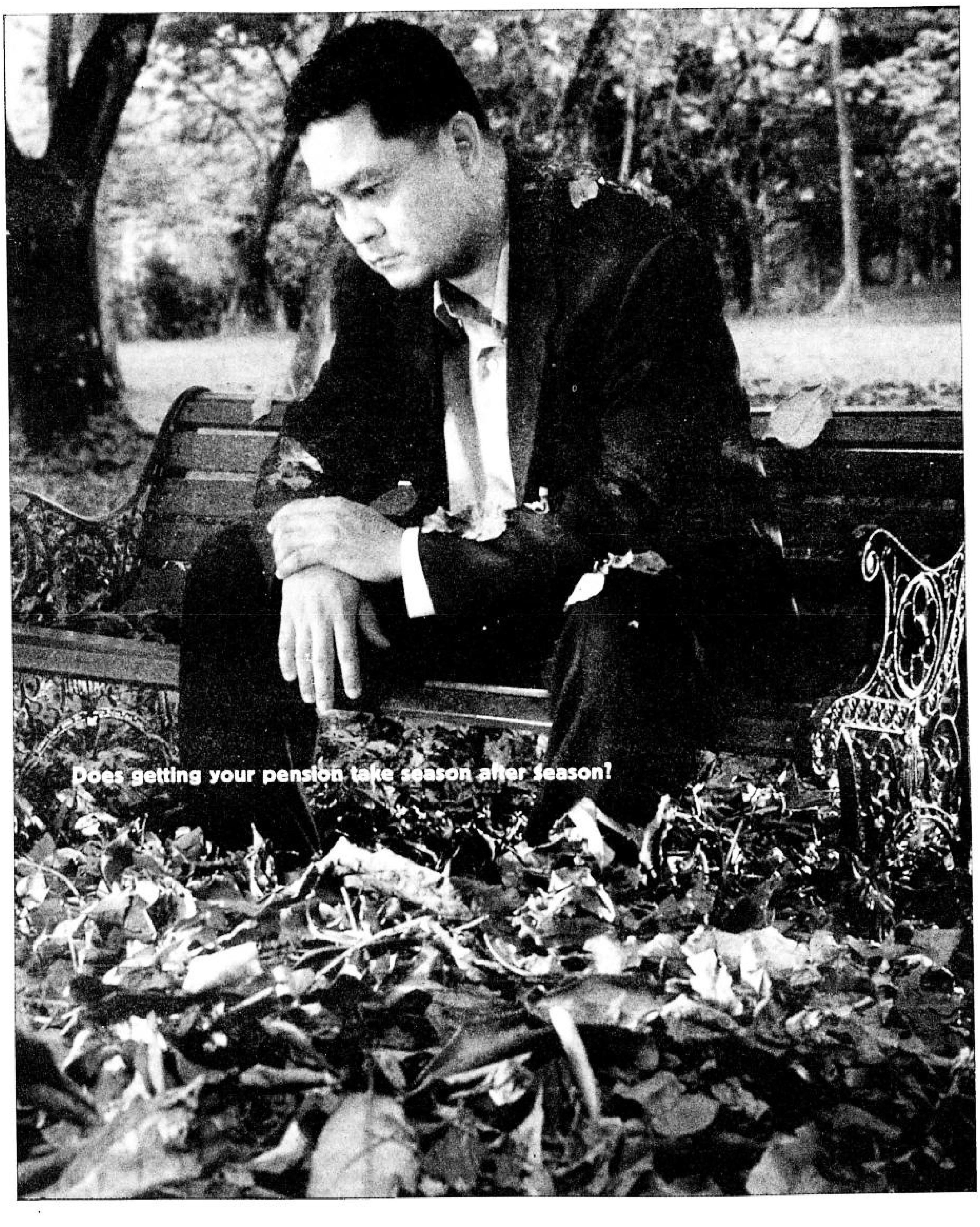
In 1999, a wider range of merchants was brought in, along with a major mall expansion effort. With its main focus on service to the individual customer and to the entire community, a nighttime destination, now known as the Corte de las Palmas, and an all-weather atrium-cum-activity center was built to complement and recreate the ATC into a total lifestyle center.

In addition to the 400 shops and amenities that are a perfect blend of shopping, dining and entertainment, the ATC has incorporated a Filipino flavor to its Spanish mission architecture. Key elements such as graphics and icons that describe the basic Filipino community—*calesas*, churches, jeepneys and market places—adorn the corridors. Meticulously drawn paintings on the walls further soften the feel of the mall. ATC habitues have seen these inventive details as the mall's continuous efforts to please the Alabang crowd, along with the restaurants, coffee and retail shops such as Starbucks, Cafe Breton, Cibo, Powerbooks, Armani Exchange and Polo at the Corte, and the beautiful landscape of the Town Plaza.

The ATC has achieved recognition by the ICSC because it is a complete lifestyle center, an extension of the home to most of its patrons, that combines character with form and function. As Ayala Land Inc.'s vice president Miriam Katigbak said, "The Alabang Town Center is not just a mall, it's a lifestyle center. It doesn't serve the community; it is the community."



ALABANG Town Center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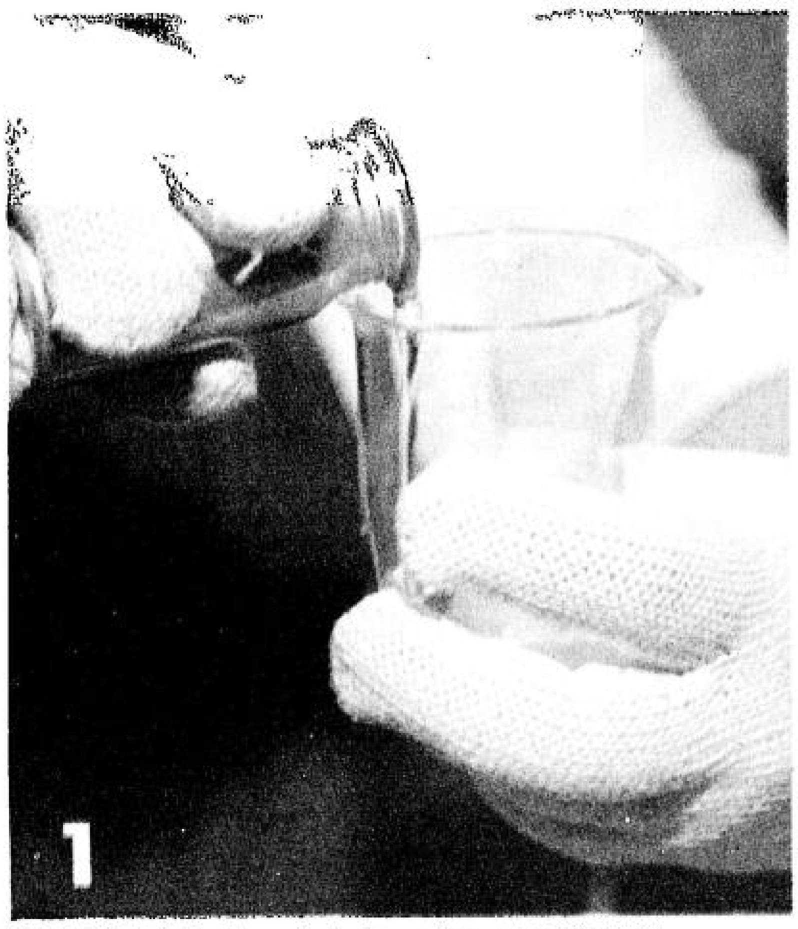
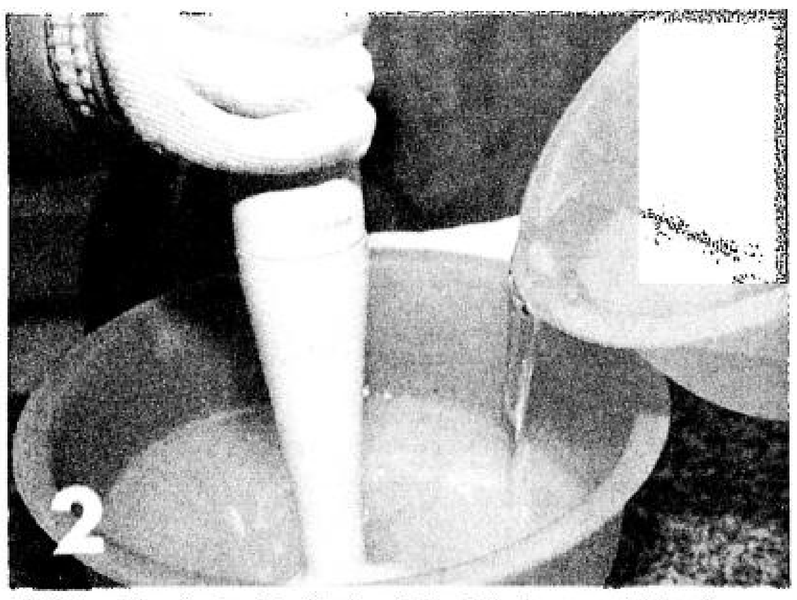


MEASURE all the ingredients in a glass measuring cup.

You can produce and craft soaps for your own bath needs or for gift-giving

YOU can wrap soaps individually as shown by Nelia Silverio-Dee and Kelly de la Merced and give them away as presents.

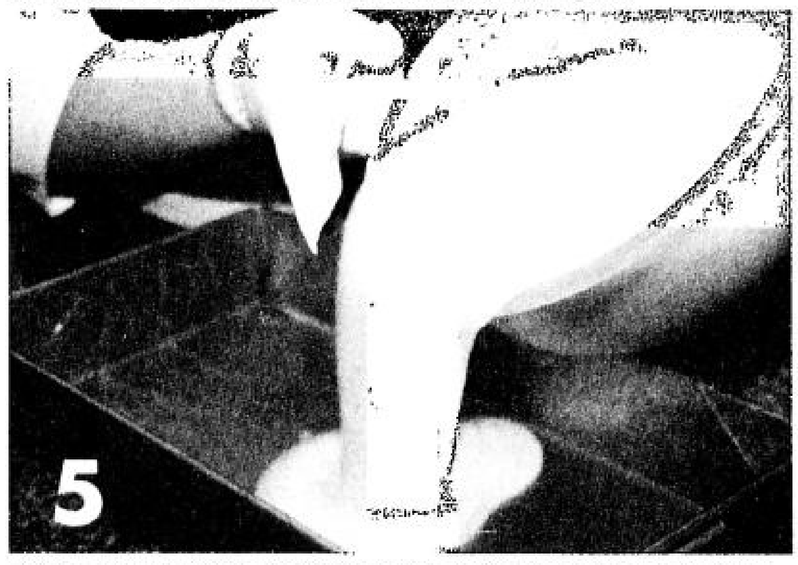
Don't just watch soap, make some!



POUR sodium hydroxide (lye) solution into the vegetable oil, stirring constantly.

SLOWLY stir the mixture until it thickens or until it has the consistency of condensed milk.

AFTER THE SOAP "traces," add the jasmine essential oil and stir for a few minutes. Add almond meal. Mix well again.



POUR mixture into a stainless steel mold lined with plastic wrap or any mold of your choice.

By Vangie Baga-Reyes
Photos by Romy Homillada

NATURAL, handmade soaps are gaining wider and wider acceptability these days. They are considered less harsh, less irritating and more fragrant than commercial bar soaps.

The art of making soap is not as difficult as it was in the olden times when animal fats and alkali made from wood ash were boiled together. Because of modern technology, soaps can be made through a very simple process. In fact, you can make your own soaps right on your kitchen table!

The soap-making process is made easy for us by Nelia Silverio-Dee of One Pink Bubble and Fresh! Body and Bath Market. "Handmade soap is soap in its true, pure and unadulterated form. No preservatives and no additives," says Nelia, who has been producing all-natural soaps with various fragrances, spices and herbs for three years now.

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There are many kinds of soaps, but they all have the same basic formula. All soaps are made from animal or vegetable fats and a chemical called alkali (lye). Most commercially manufactured soaps are made from tallow, which comes from animal fats. Tallow is used because it's extremely inexpensive and plentiful. Handmade soap is made using natural ingredients and essential oils; thus, it's a bit costly.

According to Nelia, most handcrafters use olive, coconut, palm and other vegetable oils for their base. Essential and fragrance oils contribute scent, while botanicals and spices add texture to soap. In making handcrafted soaps, vegetable oils and lye are mixed together and added with water, which will eventually cause a chemical reaction called saponification. "The combination of vegetable oil is often an ideal blend because it moisturizes the skin," she says.

It took Nelia several months to perfect and produce a good, scented and nicely textured line of soaps. In the beginning, she experimented on plain, natural soaps. Then she went further into creating soaps with aromatherapeutic and scrubbing properties, such as lavender, chamomile, sandalwood, eucalyptus extract, cocoa butter, peppermint, poppy seeds, sesame seeds, cinnamon powder, rosemary, ground apricot powder and ground almonds, among others.

"For first-timers, it's a must that you learn the right combinations to your soaps," Nelia says. "Soaps have benefits. A good cleansing and moisturizing soap will make you feel fresh after your bath. It also soothes and nourishes your skin."

Easy-to-follow guide

Before starting to work with your bare hands, you must be aware of all safety hazards. Remember, you are dealing with harsh chemicals and solutions here.

Lye can burn and irritate skin. You may experience itching, then burning. Use hand gloves to protect your hands. But, in case of accidental spills, rinse your hands with vinegar and immediately with running water. Since lye can burn your skin, you can imagine what it can do to the eyes! Always wear eye protection, such as goggles or sunglasses.

You can purchase lye from any chemical supplier like Allyson's. Ask for lye as "sodium hydroxide" in flake form. Lye (sodium hydroxide) is also known as caustic soda.

Prepare the ingredients and everything you need on top of the kitchen table (or other comfortable working area) that has been covered in newspaper. To make vegetable oil, combine 700 g olive oil, 200 g coconut oil and 100 g almond oil. To make sodium hydroxide solution, mix together 220 g lye (sodium hydroxide) and 270 g distilled water or spring water (Nelia uses Evian). Also prepare a 50 ml essential oil of your choice (jasmine, lavender, English rose, peppermint) and set aside. Essential oils are necessary for a pleasant-smelling soap. For added scents (optional), prepare 50 g dried herbs or botanicals (oatmeal, almond meal, cornmeal, sesame seeds, poppy seeds and mustard seeds).

You'll need a wooden spoon to mix the solution. However, it will take you three to four hours of stirring to complete the procedure. To speed up the process, you need a hand blender to cut the mixing time from 10 to five minutes. "Make sure all the solutions and oils are properly mixed or else the soap is not going to settle. It will create pockets of lye, which is bad for the skin," notes Nelia.

You must leave the soap mixture overnight to let it "cook itself."

Some tips

Tip 1: It's important to determine the right consistency of the soap and when to add the spices and herbs. "Timing is important, especially in putting the essential oils," adds Nelia. You can pour in the spices or herbs on the last few minutes of blending.

Speaking of blending, you must continuously stir the soap until it "traces." "Tracing" is a term to describe the consistency or thickness of soap when it's ready to be poured into molds. When lye, water and oil first combine, the mixture is thin and watery. Gradually, as the lye and oil react chemically to form soap, the mixture thickens and turns opaque.

Tip 2: Soap is still harsh when it's time to remove it from the molds. Wait for the soap to "age," usually three to four weeks. During the aging time the natural pH (alkalinity) of the soap decreases (the soap becomes mild) and the bars harden. Cover the soaps with a dry cloth to protect them from dust and grime.

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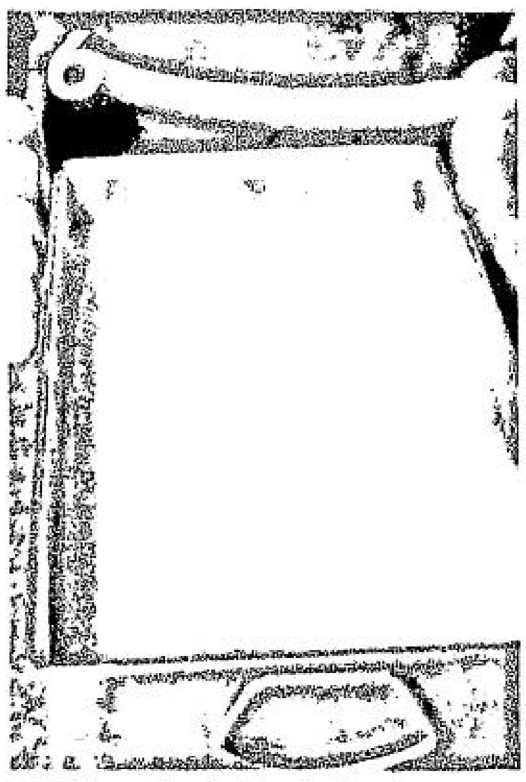

EVEN it out by slightly shaking the container. Leave overnight.

SMOOTHEN the surface using a scraper.

UNMOLD the soap. Press the back of the mold to release the soap. It's a lot like removing ice cubes from a tray.

USING a kitchen knife, cut soap to desired size.

She feels guilty about having thoughts on sex

DEAR Tita Dulce,

Since high school, and now in college, I have been going to Catholic schools and been influenced to grow up with the kind of moral values that one's parents would be proud of. I can say it has worked for me so far. I haven't engaged in premarital sex... I don't even have a boyfriend now. I admit, though, to drinking occasionally, which might not be healthy but which, I believe, is normal for my age.

My problem is that I have another habit, one that's normal (according to some articles I have read) but it is bothering me much. Sexy scenes in movies and in novels that I read easily affect me. I don't touch myself, but the image is retained in my head and I would think of it most nights. Maybe that's why I eventually dream of them as well. It really bothers me. What if my brothers notice it? I'm beginning to feel sinful about it.

I got it out of my system before. I guess it came back this summer since I did not have much to do to keep me busy. When this would happen to me before, I would pray. But now I'm so ashamed of the way I've been behaving that I can't even pray.

I don't want to find excuses for my behavior or to justify it in any way. I just want it stopped because I hate the feeling that I'm so unlike others, that my mind is corrupted by images I can't seem to handle maturely.

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LIVE AND LET LIVE

Tita Dulce

If by "handling" such thoughts "maturely" you mean turning them off like a light switch, then such ability is rare in people your age. It is so rare that it is they—not you—who would be "so unlike" others.

Sexy thoughts or thoughts of sex begin to preoccupy people at around your age, *hija*. It is a sign of an increasing awareness of one's sexuality and a part of growing up. Because they occur with an intensity that is greater than in the preteen years, they are an unfamiliar experience. It will take time before you can handle them so that they don't become a major distraction, or—as it seems to be in your case—a debilitating weight on one's conscience.

For now, I think you should assuage yourself with two facts: a) it is very, very difficult for anyone at your age to avoid entertaining sexy thoughts, and b) you regret entertaining them and you try (even if not always successfully) not to commit that sin again. I think God understands the first, and accepts the second.

Just because you have committed this sin so many times does not mean that He has disqualified you from seeking reconciliation with Him. Just keep on praying and feel sincere contrition as you ask for forgiveness. Go to confession, resolve not to commit it again. If you fall again, rise and say sorry to Him again. But strengthen your resolve not to do anything again that bothers you. There is the power of the mind which all of us can count on.

And unless it has been proven that your brothers can read minds, don't worry that they will know what thoughts are romping in your head.

Avoid reading sexy books and watching movies. If sexy thoughts come into your head unbidden, that's not a sin. You should concentrate on other things, or keep busy with some other activity. But if you entertain those thoughts, that would be a willful act, and hence can be considered a sin. Now that it is school time again, join a sports club, ask your guidance counselor or teacher for advice on what to read and what to do. Remember, *hija*, that while God doesn't want you to commit sin, He doesn't want you to be neurotic either.

New address

WE would like to thank you for posting our contact information in your column. We received a great deal of requests from your readers.

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Answers

TO THE THREE young ladies who sent me their letters for Brian Gates:

I realize you do not have e-mail in your homes, but don't you have friends who have them? I have e-mailed Mr. Gates to give me his address (which I will keep confidential) so I can mail to him what you sent me, but he has not answered. He might be out of town at this time.

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Dear Freddie, whose letter written just recently asked for the address of Pink Star (PDI Lifestyle, 10/13/00),

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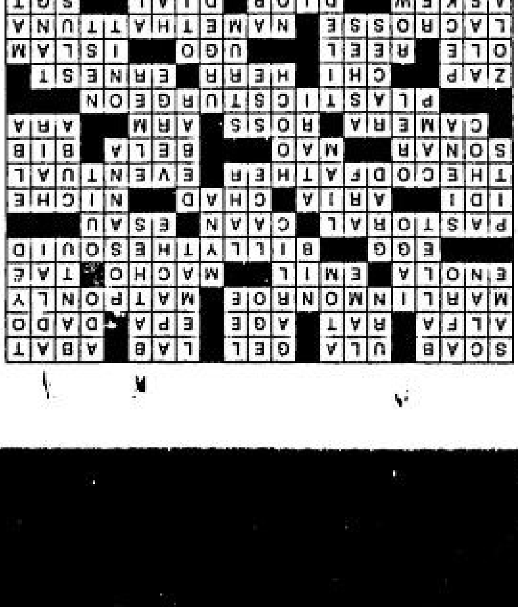
ANSWER TO SUNDAY CROSSWORD



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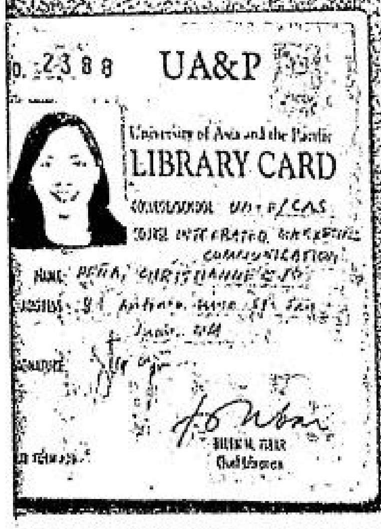
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Sunday LIFESTYLE

Mama Cita throws a tantrum

COMPILED BY LITO ZULUETA

MAYOR **Lito Atienza** could not make it to the "serenade" organized last Tuesday by the arts community as an appeal to save Mehan Gardens so he sent city councilor **Cita Astals**.

Astals, a character actress, looked edgy upon arrival, according to many. Throughout the ceremony, she displayed unusual behavior; she had twitchy hands and facial tics. Before the very group demanding that Mehan Gardens stay green and open to check the pollution in the area, she chain-smoked. She was also talkative and hardly listened to the speeches and songs.

Apparently, Astals was fuming because Vice Mayor **Danny Lacuna** from the opposition party was there. She fumed even more when Lacuna was called to give the closing remarks and not her when she was Atienza's personal representative. Protocol had dictated the standard chain of command and, of course, the organizers were ignorant of the political dynamics at City Hall. Just the same, organizers **Carlos Celdran** and **Ma-an Hontiveros** apologized for the mix-up and offered to give Astals the floor, but she refused.

The councilor stormed out of the park, but not before screaming at Celdran. "He's part of the opposition!"—obviously referring to Lacuna.

Does this mean goodbye to Mehan Garden? Will politics and greed conspire again to destroy our heritage structures and parks?

MAYOR Lito Atienza: Fresh from Jai Alai demolition, now ready to destroy the rest of Manila parks and heritage structures.

CITA Astals: Edgy, unusual, boorish behavior during Mehan Garden ceremony

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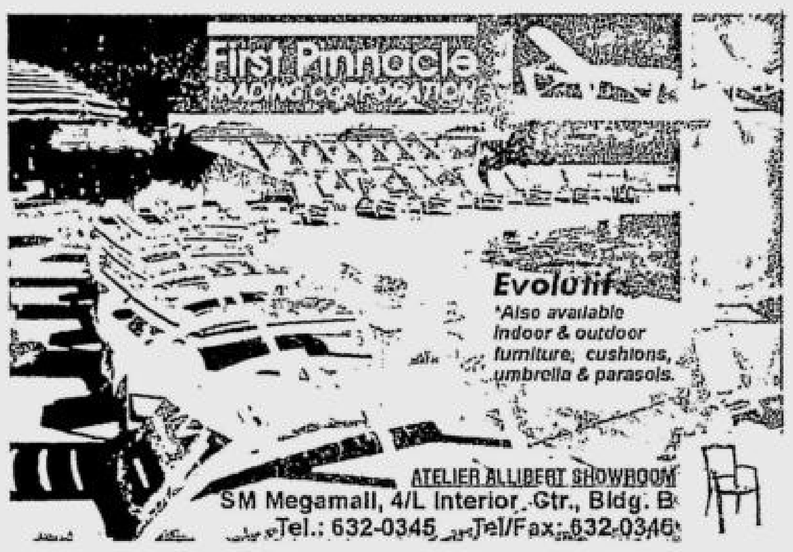

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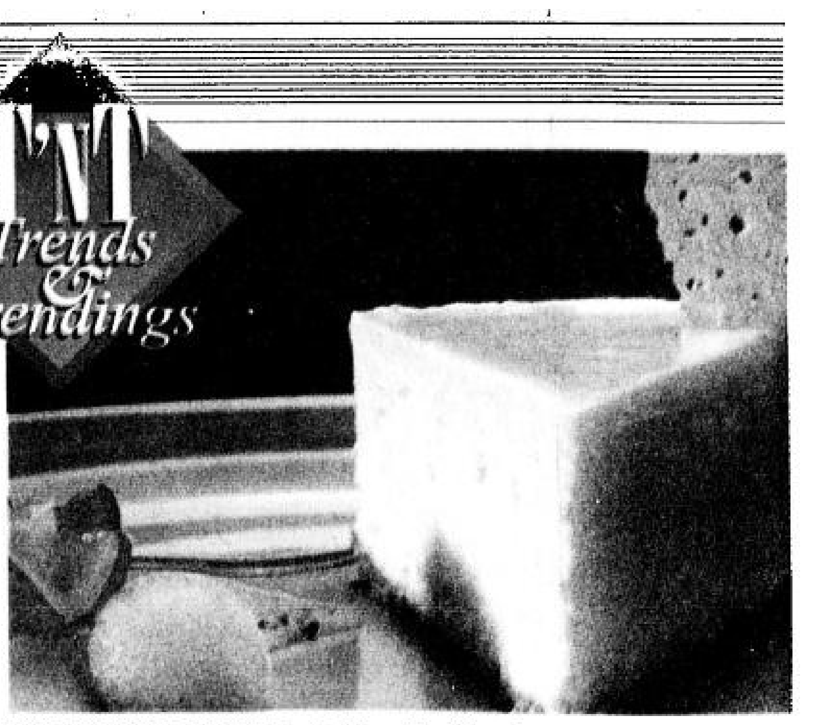
T'N'T Trends & Trendings

Madonna T-shirt, new image models and Bazaar's new ed

BY ANTON SAN DIEGO

MUST-HAVE FASHION. The Madonna T-shirt.


MUST-HAVE DESSERT. Belgian Double Cream Cheese at Cheesecake, etc.

KATE Betts has resigned as editor of Harper's Bazaar.

MUST-HAVE TEES—THE MADONNA T-SHIRT. After all these years, **Madonna** is still the reigning queen of pop. She has not let her fans down when it comes to changing her image, so public fascination with her has never been stronger. She has a forthcoming tour titled "Drowned World Tour" and it is the hardest ticket to purchase in the US this summer. Five of her shows instantly sold out at Madison Square Garden, probably because of rumors that this may be her last tour. **Jean Paul Gaultier** and she are collaborating on the costumes once again. Dolce and Gabbana came out with a series of Madonna tees for their Spring/Summer 2001 collection. Although she may be spotted wearing **Britney Spears** or **Kylie Minogue** tees, the diva is just being nice!

I can't get through June without... Congratulating the Filipino people for dumping **Miriam** and **Enrile**... praying for the safety of the hostages and the capture of those bandits... going to Wasabi on Saturday, packed with just about everyone who used to go to Stars, Giraffe, etc... being a member of and going shopping at Price Smart... watching **Martin Nievera**'s concert at Greenbelt's Onstage... checking out the Home Zone Area at Glorietta 4, especially Dimensione, Kish and Cereo... maintaining my tan, which I am losing, so the next best thing is to apply Clarin's self-tanner... wondering if the host of Channel 2's "Mission X" will ever change his attire of black shirt and pants, **Tom Cruise** he ain't?... wondering who will win the French Open and NBA Games ... the premiere of the third season of HBO's "Sex & the City" on June 19.

Must-have dessert—Cheesacake, etc. I have a weakness for sweets and it had been quite a while since I drooled over any dessert in Manila. Then I chanced upon this new restaurant at the 2/F of the Greenbelt mall (next to Onstage), Cheesecake, etc. I highly recommend their Belgian Double Cream cheesecake, it's the type of dessert that makes you stop and say, "I am having a moment here!" That moment could be likened to winning in the lottery, seeing a loved one and well, having sex. It is that good! Other must-trys are their Cashew Dome cake, Café de Luna (Cappucino Cheesecake), Mango Passion, Pistaccio Cheesecake and Ghiradelli Chocolate Malt. Would you believe I tried all of them in one sitting!

Harper's Bazaar has new editor. After only two years at the helm, **Kate Betts** has resigned as editor in chief of Harper Bazaar. Set to replace her is US Marie Claire editor in chief **Glenda Bailey**. Staff members of both magazines were informed of the news on the eve of Betts' second anniversary at Bazaar, which she had assumed upon the death of **Liz Tilberis**. The latest audit covering July-December 2000 shows Bazaar's circulation dipping by 7 percent—a decline which obviously did not sit well with the owners (Bazaar's circulation stands at 700,000 while rival Vogue's at 1.1 million). Detractors say Bailey does not have "it" and is not chic enough to rival Vogue's **Anna Wintour**. Insiders say that Betts was not able to expand and sustain the readership despite her impressive debut and redesign of the magazine.

New faces, New competition. It seems that the local retail market is the only business showing signs of life these days, what with new faces and new ad campaigns. Kamiseta's newest ad campaign has **Mai Mai Cojuangco**, who will be modelling alongside sister China; Bayo has moved to stellar heights with **Lea Salonga** as its new image model while Human has the megastar's daughter **KC Concepcion**. Who will outsell who?

Diary of Constance Brooke Pendleton vda de San Lorenzo. This week our favorite Mare and Manila socialite gets nasty and tells us what don't make her smile in Manila nowadays—and not because she just has her face-lift. "Well, after a soothing tipple, I finally came up with a few more things that make me smile—and quite a few that don't make me smile (vodka can sometimes make me do nasty things—yes, even Brannvin).

"1. Expatriates—To amplify on an earlier theme, what we have in Manila tends to be, well, not the type who will be the next **Deeda Blair** (if you don't know who she is, you are one out person—or very young). As Manila has receded in importance, the quality of our expatriates has noticeably diminished. There are, of course, exceptions to the rule, but in general, if they're fun, they're merely visiting. 2, Arrivistes—The nouveau riche are hardly a Manila phenomenon but the new rich of Manila just seem more obnoxious than others. This is true particularly of the variety who made their money from politics. Riding around in those huge vehicles while you have beggars on the streets seems to me the height of insensitivity—not to mention perversion—particularly when the money is stolen or derived (same difference) from public funds. I say we should ostracize these people and make clear that we don't approve of their behavior. If not, we'll have the poor at our doors, too. 3.Thieves and swindlers—What can you say about all these people who ran failed banks and debt-ridden companies and are still running around hale and hearty and spending, while their depositors are close to penury. As far as I am concerned, these people are no better than people who hold up banks—they are actually far worse. The fact that regulators and we tolerate this behavior is sick, sick, sick. A little responsibility is called for here. And for God's sake—they already took your money so stop inviting them to dinner. 4.The lack of concern for consumer protection—Now my family grew rich on our lack of consumer protection laws so I'm not one to talk, but really don't you think that four waterless days is just too much? And, how about the fact that Meralco cuts off power service too quickly? Don't you think that shows a lack of concern for consumers?

"To end on a high note, here are the other things that do make me smile. 1. The best restaurants in Manila, which to my mind, remain the old reliables. I refer particularly to the Tivoli, Prince Albert, Le Soufflé, Tin Hau, Casa Armas, the Aristocrat on Roxas Boulevard, Cibo, Sky High Restaurant in Malate, Sugi and Sun Moon Garden in Mandaluyong. All these restaurants are united by honesty. Remember, it's not about how much something costs or how pretentious it is (contrary to most arriviste fantasies, I might add). Just go to a restaurant because you want to eat there, not just because you want to be seen. I'm through with my obsessed-with-ambience phase as you can see. 2. Travel—Which makes Manila so much more bearable. To paraphrase an oft-used cliché—a trip a month keeps the blues (and therefore the doctor) away. Don't think I mean a hugely expensive transpacific trip either. Sometimes a day away in Vigan is refreshing. Although, of course, if you can afford it, a day in Paris is even better. 3. Books—Yes, books. In this age of the Internet and cable TV, people just don't read enough. I've just read "The Bonesetters Daughter" by Amy Tan. It's about Asian mothers and daughters coming together, and it's Tan's best since "The Joy Luck Club." Having just recently worked out my own problems with my mother (something to do with money—her having it and me needing it) this book brought tears to my eyes. So rush and buy it—fast. 4. Having drivers and maids—How many times have you walked down Madison Avenue and wished you had your faithful drivers and maids with you? So be grateful. Today make sure you you thank them for their services, go on, do it! Hoy, Caloy, not that close!' 5. Friends and family. Absolutely the best thing about Manila.

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NILES Perlas, Cely Ramos, Imelda Cojuangco, Marvic Yulo, Marietta Santos and Ningning Yulo at the MET exhibit

A retrospective of the late First Lady's brief but spell-binding stay in the White House is entrancing thousands at the Metropolitan Museum

Jackie Kennedy's White House magic relived

BY RONNIE ALEJANDRO

NEW YORK—The much-anticipated Fall social opening of the Metropolitan Museum's Costume Institute was a smashing success with a black-tie, $3,500-a-plate fund-raising gala featuring Jacqueline Kennedy's fashion during the White House years.

Officially called "Jacqueline Kennedy: The White House Years," the show's opening was attended by Washington movers and shakers as well as fashionistas. Caroline Kennedy made a rare public appearance at this first-ever retrospective, which featured most of the works of Jackie's favorite designers.

Jackie would have been proud of the opening and the exhibition. Not only did First Lady Laura Bush and her predecessor, Sen. Hillary Clinton, come to pay tribute, but the Kennedy clan came out in full force.

Among those holding court were John F. Kennedy's sister, Eunice Shriver, her daughter Maria Shriver, Sen. and Ms Edward Kennedy, and Ed Schlossberg, Caroline's husband.

The exhibit consisted of dresses, riding clothes, hats and jewelry divided into key episodes of Jackie's life: Campaign Years, Inauguration, Canada and Europe, India, Pakistan and Latin America, White House Restoration, Red Room, White House and Washington. Curated by Hamish Bowles, the show attempted to present the full range of designers who dressed Ms Kennedy, including, of course, Oleg Cassini, the official White House designer. But it was reported that Cassini was fuming mad since some of the dresses he created were attributed to other couturiers.

In 1960, Jacqueline Kennedy was 31 and the youngest wife ever of an American president-elect. As First Lady, she promoted cultural and heritage conservation, culture and the arts at the highest levels, while tending to the needs of her family. She brought to the public's awareness her discriminating sense of style and her intuitive taste in fashion, decorating and entertaining.

Ms Kennedy's understanding of her role as First Lady was a carefully considered one as shown by her attempts to complement her husband's presidency and the scrupulously restored White House that she left in her wake. She understood the power of clothing and image, using them to reflect on the internationalism and vigor of the Kennedy administration.

During her brief stay in the White House, she epitomized the modern president's wife. She revitalized the White House, encouraged appreciation of America's cultural heritage and inspired Americans to embrace the arts.

She was one of the most admired first ladies in American history. After her husband's assassination, she moved to New York and later married Greek shipping tycoon Aristotle Onassis. She died on May 19, 1994 and was buried next to JFK at Arlington National Cemetery.

STEVE Naguiat and Nina Romualdez

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Celebrities tee off and indulge in ice cream

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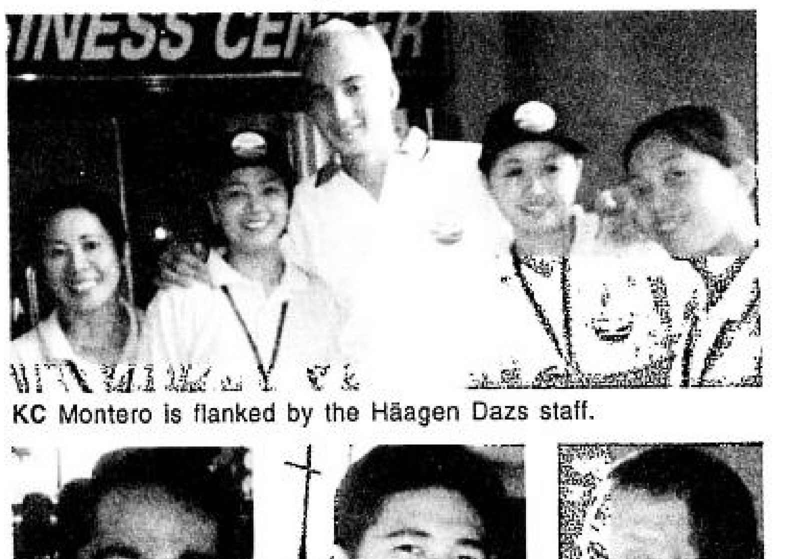
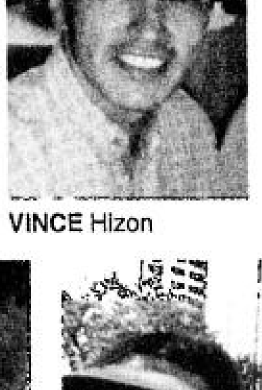

KC Montero is flanked by the Häagen Dazs staff.

THE FIRST Häagen Dazs Golf Invitational held at Wack Wack Golf and Country Club last Friday was a smashing success. It attracted over a hundred guests from politics, entertainment and the food and beverage industry. **Tessa** and **Dennis Valdes**, newly elected Rep. **Maite Defensor**, **Paolo Prieto**, **Raj Moreno**, **KC Montero**, **Albert Martinez**, the **Tabuenas**, **Mon Tapales** and **Bong Tan** were just some of the golfers who played and enjoyed "the world's best ice cream." **Arnold** and **Ruth Co** of HD Philippines and **Mike Marrou** of the Asian regional office were perfect hosts making sure that everyone had a great time.

Who went home with the beautiful trophies? **Vernie Varga** was the Strawberry winner while **Dingdong Avanzado** was the Rum Raisin champion. **Butch San Agustin** won in the Green Tee category while the Dulce de Leche trophy was bagged by **Jun Jun Lopez**. The Junior Golf category was dominated by 15-year-old **Mabel Salvio**.

Here's looking forward to the next tournament.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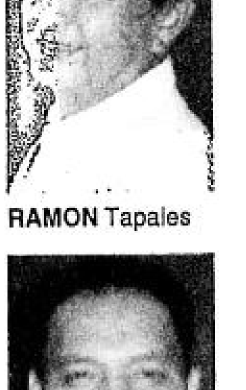
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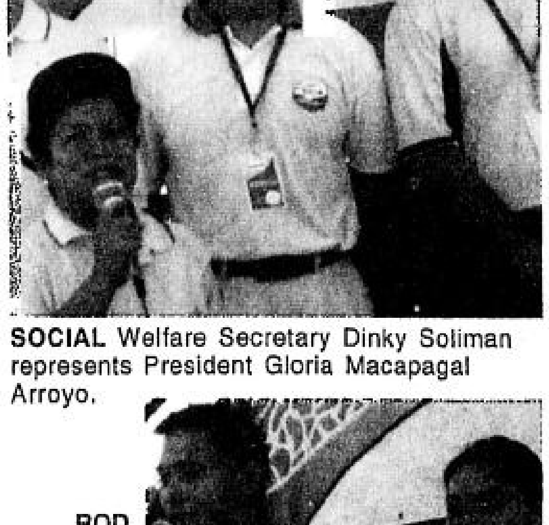
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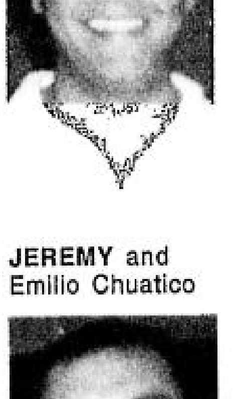
LUIGI and Lorna Tabuena with their 6-year-old golfing son, Miguel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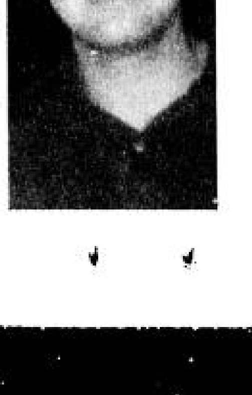

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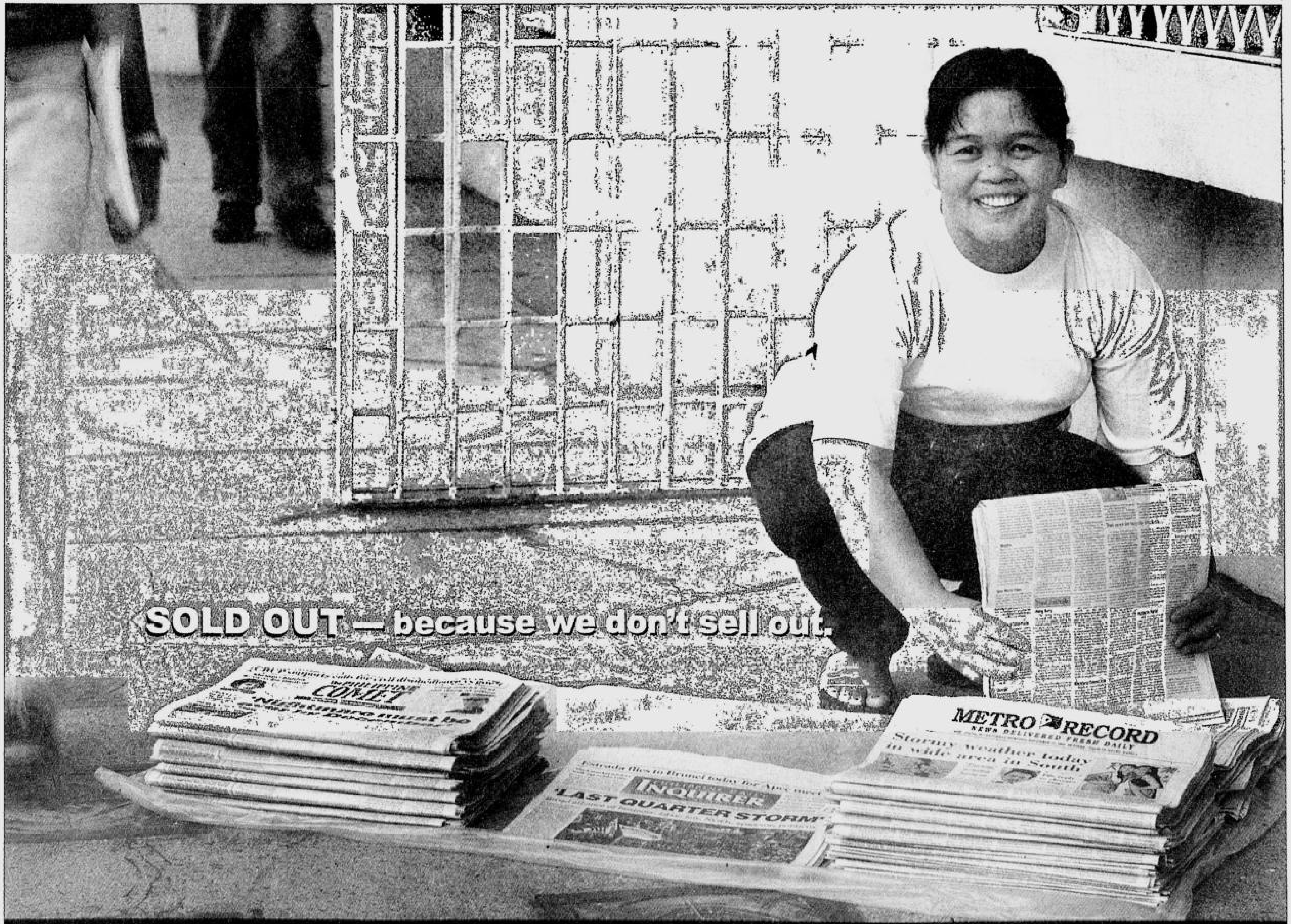
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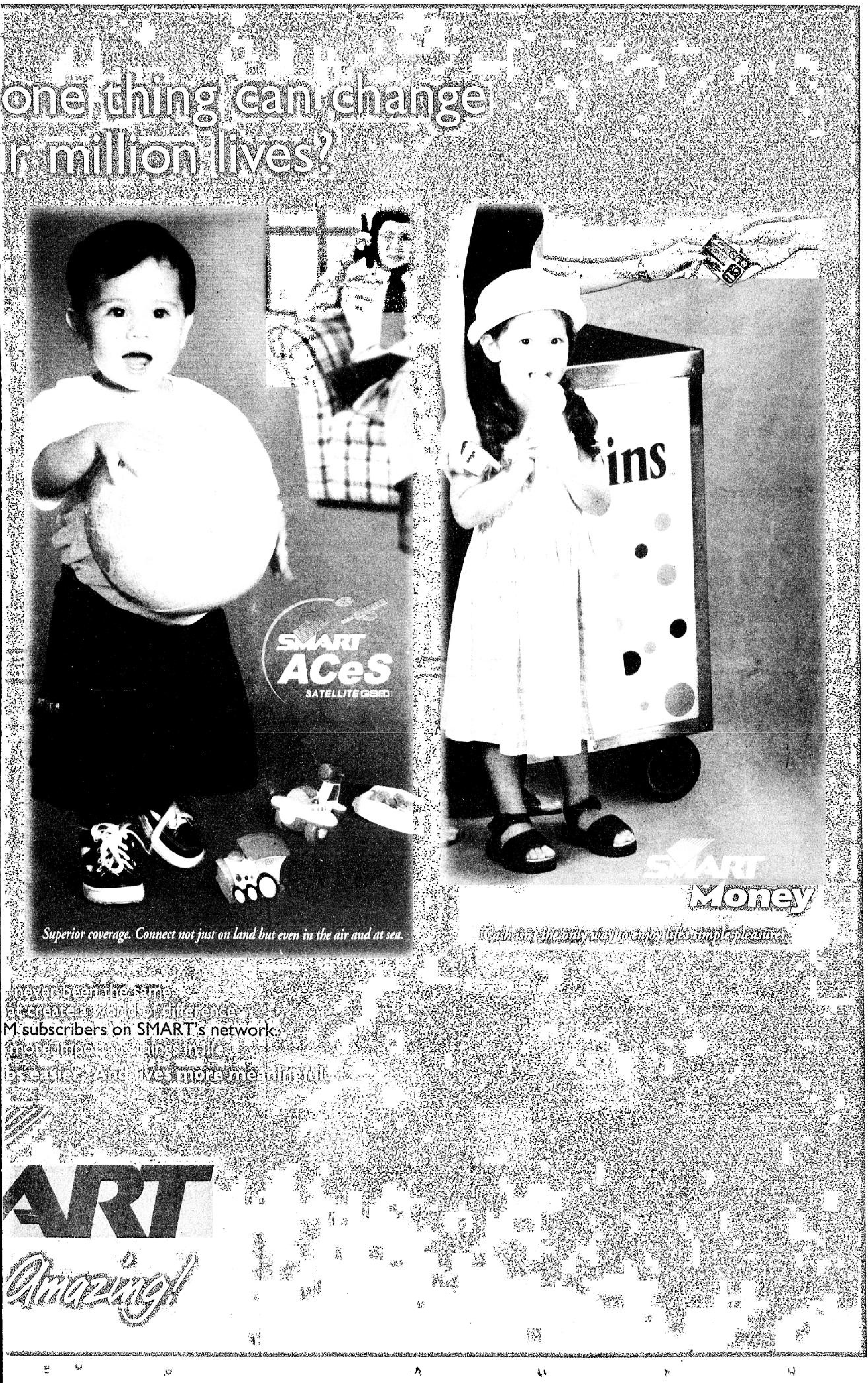
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PEDRO Roxas and wife Gina, Andres Soriano III and Louie Ysmael

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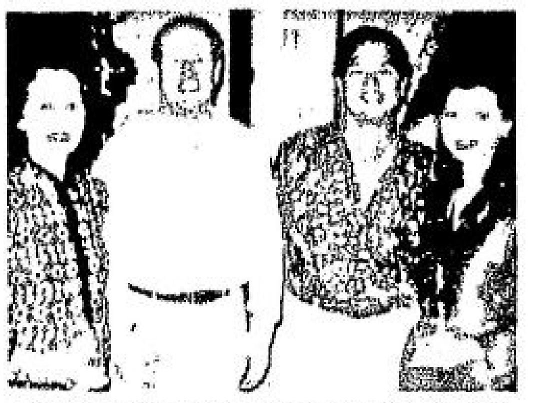

JULIET Romualdez with Michael Meagher, honoree Daniel Romualdez and Mary Lee Gomez Jensen

Dinner for Daniel

MANOLING and Chito Madrigal-Collantes, both well-regarded and noted for their social grace, style and civic causes, recently tendered an elegant dinner for Daniel Romualdez at the couple's main dining room and foyer designed by Pandot Ocampo.

Romualdez, a New York-based architect and interior designer, was joined by Andrea Soriano, Pedro and Gina T. Roxas, Mandy and Chu-Chu Madrigal-Eduque and other bosom friends.

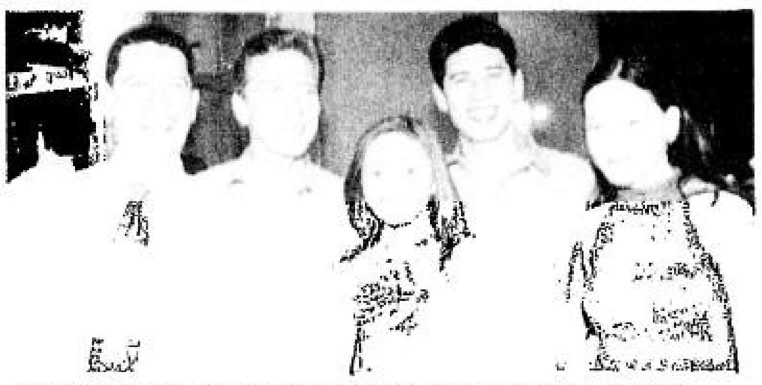
Dinner was a fantastic array, beginning with the superb salad of coriander glazed pigeon breast and pan-fried goose liver, with mesclun leaves tossed in raspberry dressing. This was followed by the excellent basil-flavored chicken broth with shiitake and lobster dumpling, and peach Schnapps with lemon, before segueing to the excellent grilled sea bass topped with tomato compote set on mashed potato and saffron jus with green asparagus on the side. Dessert was a wonderful sampling of mangoes and quark cheese in fife crust with vanilla ice cream and pralines with coffee and tea.

It was an evening that bore the inimitable signature of the Collantes' famed hostings, filled with their characteristic bonhomie and warmth.

Cook uncorked

AN OUTDOOR jazz festival held recently at Rockwell Center provided the opening strains for the week-long festivities to promote Robert Mondavi Wine's latest offering. Jeff Cook, Mondavi's export sales manager for Asia-Pacific, flew into town to uncork the bottles from the internationally renowned wine company for tasting and testing. The promotional activities organized by tireless Tita Trillo of Anthony's Wines and Spirits were capped by an intimate dinner at Makati Shangri-la's Cheval Blanc, where Cook talked about the finest Mondavi vintage and what differentiates it from French, Australian and Chilean wines. Cook's visit is only the beginning of what Mondavi has planned to be a more exciting year in Asia.

PAOLO Trillo, Claudine Trillo, Jeff Cook of Robert Mondavi Winery and models


JOAQUI Trillo, Alaska basketball team manager; Anthony Trillo, Crown Peak Gardens Hotel-Subic Bay president and CEO; cousins Paolo and Claudine Trillo and Janell So (center)

JENNY Ildefonso and Ma Belle del Rosario of Anthony's Wines & Spirits, Cook, Maricar M. Avellana, also of Anthony's Wines & Spirits, and Angela Jacob of ANC ABS-CBN

ANTHONY and Tita Trillo, Del Rosario, Cook, Kevin Sage of El of USDA and Abel Nolasco of Hyatt Hotel

An elite club opens its doors to the underprivileged

SHE left a flourishing career in the late '70s to care for her children who were then coming in short intervals. All six has now grown and have since independently lived on their own. Today, Marietha Guanzon-Holmgren has the luxury to pursue her aborted career without the usual pressure and tension that go with being a working mother. "It's my time to shine."

She does not at all mind that her colleagues have, at one time or the other, gone ahead of her. "I have watched all my six children grow. I don't see why I'll ever change that decision." What she focuses on right now are the many tasks that have to be done, and fast.

Ms Holmgren is a restaurateur and pharmacist by profession. She has in her name a line of beauty products that controls the aging process and another one that whitens complexion. Apart from this, she is an active member of the Inner Wheel Club of Manila and by July she will sit as its 52nd president.

She enthuses that she's only been in this elite circle for four years. The election therefore not only elates her but brings forth challenges that she intends to win over. These four years have been marked with active participation in the many civic duties of the club. She shows up in all the activities even when not required to, and brings in fresh ideas that perk up the organization. These qualities plus her sincere effort to help those in need, she thinks, won her the presidency.

But the position carries with it an immense social responsibility. It does not only require her to be there but it demands her to think of other ways to make the Inner Wheel Club of Manila more responsive to the needs of the less privileged ones.

As in the past, she will continue to lead the organization in giving scholarship grants to poor but deserving students. This year, the chosen ones will be provided with all their school needs from tuition fee to uniforms. And they do not expect anything from the scholars after they finished their courses. "Giving them the chance to change their lives is a reward in itself."

They will also follow through their responsibilities to the 38 abused women who are in the healing process in a convent in Cavite, and the 168 mental patients who are based in the National Mental Health Hospital. The mental patients have long been healed but they have no place to go so the Inner Wheel Club of Manila in the late '80s decided to take them under their wings.

Tita Marietha plans to introduce a livelihood program, which will cover various fields from food processing to beauty enhancing. Most likely, she will seek the help of experts who will assist the organization in bringing this project into reality.

She is also thinking of other ways to raise funds. They do get help from their international counterpart and the proceeds of their Christmas Bazaar and the Budget Shop they maintain, but more funds translate into more services for more people. She is counting on the cooperation of her fellow members to achieve her goals.

She is optimistic that her one-year stint as the president of the Inner Wheel Club of Manila will be marked with new and exciting programs that will open doors to those who are in need. And she will do it even without the usual pomp and pageantry others are known for. "Sharing is my humble way of thanking the Lord for blessing me."

CWC honors faithful members

IN CELEBRATION of the Catholic Women's Club's 80th anniversary, president Lulu Tesoro Castañeda and an active committee, composed of Pilie Aquino, Sofia Zobel de Elizalde, Junie Peña, Lita Gelano, Bea Zobel de Ayala and Tessie Luz, invited members to a tea party held at a Forbes Park private residence.

On CWC Recognition Day, 46 members received a rosary each instead of a plaque. Sofia Elizalde thought a rosary would be most appropriate since the group was composed of Catholic ladies. She asked the Sisters of the Immaculate based in Novaliches and Cebu to make rosaries out of South Sea pearls.

Recognized for their faithfulness to the CWC were: Leonor M. Guerrero, Ma. Paz S. Brimo, Mercedes U. Gonzalez, Consuelo D. Preysler, Miren U. Foley, Elsie B. Perrine, Miren A. Achaval, Carmen L. Gaspar, Carmiña C. Mantecon, Olga M. Larrazabal, Marites A. Climent;

Socorro C. Fong, Beatriz M. Zobel, Angeles L. Bartelson, Carmen P. Klingler, Mercedes Z. McMicking, Isabel R. Oriol, Imelda A. Reyes, Dolores C. Roces, Conchitina A. Ladao, Ana Maria L. Schulze, Fely C. Dy Buncio, Carmen V. Carceller and Asuncion D. del Rosario.

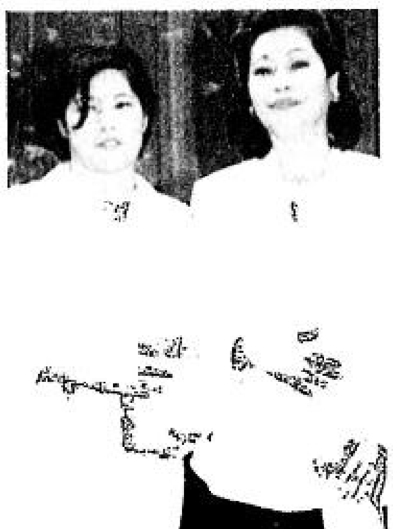
Also honored were Luz M. Santos, Josehma V. Borromeo, Virginia S. Borromeo, Margarita S. Ugarte, Carmen C. Carag, Lydia R. Miciano, Carmen A. Paradies, Ma. del Pilar O. Roxas, Myrna P. Borromeo, Alice R. Briones, Maureen N. Sandejas, Eleanor Ann P. Esteban, Feliza B. Kintanar, Ana O. Olondriz, Nena O. O'Pallick, May C. Perez, Carmen E. Picornell, Miren G. Berenguer-Testa, Nena D. Casimiro and Diana Espino.

Cecile Ortigas, a past president who makes an effort to attend functions, was given a special award. Victoria Miailhe, a French national who was active from 1946 until she passed away in 1999, was posthumously awarded.

Also present were newly inducted members Leonor Orosa Goquingco, Nenuca Blardony, Corinna Caparas, Patis Tesoro, Cecile Limjoco, Bambi Harper, Narda Camacho, Shigeko Diploma, Carla Santos, Baby de Villa, Mellie Ablaza, Baby Masangkay, Arie Samson, Nena Elizalde, Nora Malabanan, Trixie Castañeda and Mary Ann Baclao.

BEA Zobel with Mercedes Gonzalez who has been an active CWC member for 54 years.

ZENY Cabral, Nene Leonor and Irene Martel Francisco


NIKKI Valerio and mom Mimi Valerio

CONSUELO Preysler, president Lulu Castañeda, Chat Pueo, Mercedes Gonzalez and Carmen Gaspar

CHONG del Rosario and daughter Gina Yupangco

SOFIA Elizalde, Pilie Aquino, Junie Peña, Lulu Castañeda, Alice Briones, Myrna Borromeo, Miren Berenguer-Testa, Carmen Picornell, Nena Casimiro, Ellie Esteban, Fely Kintanar, May Perez, Nena O'Pallick and Maureen Sandejas

CARMIÑA Mantecon and mom Carmen Carceller, both CWC lifetime members

Generosity is love in an open hand

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GENEROSITY makes us holy and happy. It makes others happy, too, if we are generous to them. The problem in our world today is that we often think that generosity means giving money to others. Our society is so money-oriented that we think money is the dearest thing in our hearts. But generosity is really love, and love is more important than money!

Greed is the opposite of generosity. Greed is when we grab things and keep them only for ourselves. It is selfishness. If we keep things only for ourselves and do not share them with others, our hearts are focused only on our selfish needs. But generosity can only come from a heart that is full of concern for what is good for others and not just for ourselves.

One of our high school teachers taught us that generosity is really magnanimity which means *magna anima*—a big and open heart. The dictionary says that magnanimity is also an "open hand for others." It means we must "give in a generous and noble way."

Most important teaching

Generosity is one of the most important teachings of Jesus. Jesus himself was an extremely generous person. He was always giving, and he gave us many good lessons about generosity. Jesus said: "Be generous! Give to others and then there will be gifts for you, too. Where your heart is, there your treasure will be (in generosity, I hope!)." Jesus also taught us that our hearts cannot be open to God if they are not generously open to others. Jesus had many good lessons about generosity to God and others.

On one occasion Jesus was sitting opposite the collection box in the Temple and he observed the crowd putting money into the box. Many of the wealthy people put in large amounts of money. But one poor widow came and put in just two small copper coins (worth about P1). Jesus called his disciples over and told them: "I want you to observe that this poor widow contributed more than all the others who donated to the treasury. They all gave from their surplus wealth, but she was generous. She gave from her very minimal funds, all that she had to live on."

Perhaps the best example of generosity is Jesus' Parable of the Good Samaritan. The Good Samaritan was mercifully and generously concerned for a person who was hurt. Jesus said that a priest and a Levite went past the injured guy because they had no obligation to help him and were not generous. But the Samaritan very generously gave his care and money, and promised to check out the injured man on his way back from business. Jesus also told his disciples that when judgment comes for us, people will be divided into two groups according to the generosity of their behavior. Those who have shown generosity in many ways—visited the sick, cared for the imprisoned, gave clothes and food to the needy, been hospitable to strangers and others in need of shelter—will be welcomed into heaven because they were generous souls. The others who were not generous at all will not be as welcome in heaven.

Lesson on love

When we were young, Daddy always told us his sons: "Don't be selfish. Be generous! Give some of that candy you have to your brothers." Daddy was a very generous guy himself and so was Mommy. Because they taught us to be generous, three of us became priests and one lucky brother got married. We did become generous because of Mommy and Daddy. They certainly had big hearts and open hands.

When I was in a Jesuit high school, I had to write a term paper about the American poet Edna St. Vincent Millay. She was a good poet in the 1920s. She wrote in one of her poems that generosity is "Love in the Open Hand." She wrote in that poem, "I do not give you things that are materialistic, harmful to you, or selfish on my part. I give you love in the open hand! My generous love is ungemmed, (not materialistic) unhidden (very open) and wishing not to hurt you, because I love you. I bring you now, calling out as children do: Look what I have and these are all for you!"

When I became a Jesuit novice they taught us the Jesuit prayer of St. Ignatius on generosity which says: "Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous (and magnanimous with a heart full of love). Teach me to give with love and not to count the cost. To toil for others and not to seek a rest from them, to do good work and not to seek for any reward except to know that I am doing what you want me to do—to be generous in my love. Teach me to be generous, Oh my Lord."

Mama Cita throws a tantrum

(From page D1)

from u? nothing. If I wanted gold I wouldn't have stayed with you." Of course, she couldn't have stayed with him—solely, that is. Aside from the young scion, she was also going out with other men and was the kept mistress of a construction magnate.

The minor actress and her mom continue to badmouth the young businessman. And true to form, they are also reportedly making demands for cash. The mom would even barge into the businessman's office on the pretext that she needed to use the phone for an emergency.

The businessman doesn't know how to get rid of the girl. He is alarmed at reports that the girl is also into drug trading. He is disappointed that no one could be trusted. Even the organizers of the beauty contest which the actress joined have disappointed him. One of them is a former beauty queen who used to hold the production rights for a regional beauty contest until the franchise holder learned that she was pimping some of the contestants.

Inconsiderate Miriam

THE HUMAN resources industry has grown by leaps and bounds, but it seems that HR professionalism is still hard to come by. Consider the experience of our own writer, **Cathy Babao-Guballa**. Two years ago, she applied for a teaching position with Miriam College, her elementary and high school alma mater. Not getting any formal response, she presumed her offer was rejected.

Recently, however, she got a letter dated May 21, 2001 from Miriam about the application. The letter was terse and blunt: "We wish to inform you that we are not considering your application for a teaching position. Thank you for your interest." It was signed **Carmelita J. Lazatin**, assistant HR director for employee services.

One wonders why it took Miriam two years to reply to an application only to say that it wasn't "considering" it at all. And by the time it got to rejecting the offer, it wrote a letter that was a classic example of how not to write a rejection letter. The polite way of rejection, as any expert on behavioral sciences and personnel management would attest to, is to tell the applicant that the company will keep the application in its file in case the need to hire arises.

But it appears Miriam does not even have the grace to accept criticism. When told about the letter, the reply was, "We will take that feedback positively." No apology or explanation given.

Incidentally, on the week the Miriam letter was delivered, Cathy received a call from the chair of the English Department of Ateneo de Manila inviting her to teach Freshman English. Earlier, she had accepted the invitation from the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies to teach the "Dynamics of Grief," a course in psychology.

FROM THE READER

I ENJOYED reading the Playtime interview with Education Secretary Raul Roco (PDI Lifestyle, 05/27/01). I really admire him and I was impressed by his answers, especially about the plight of teachers, the problems of the education system and the state of the education department. He is really doing a great job and I hope he will continue to improve the DECS and especially the condition of the teachers.

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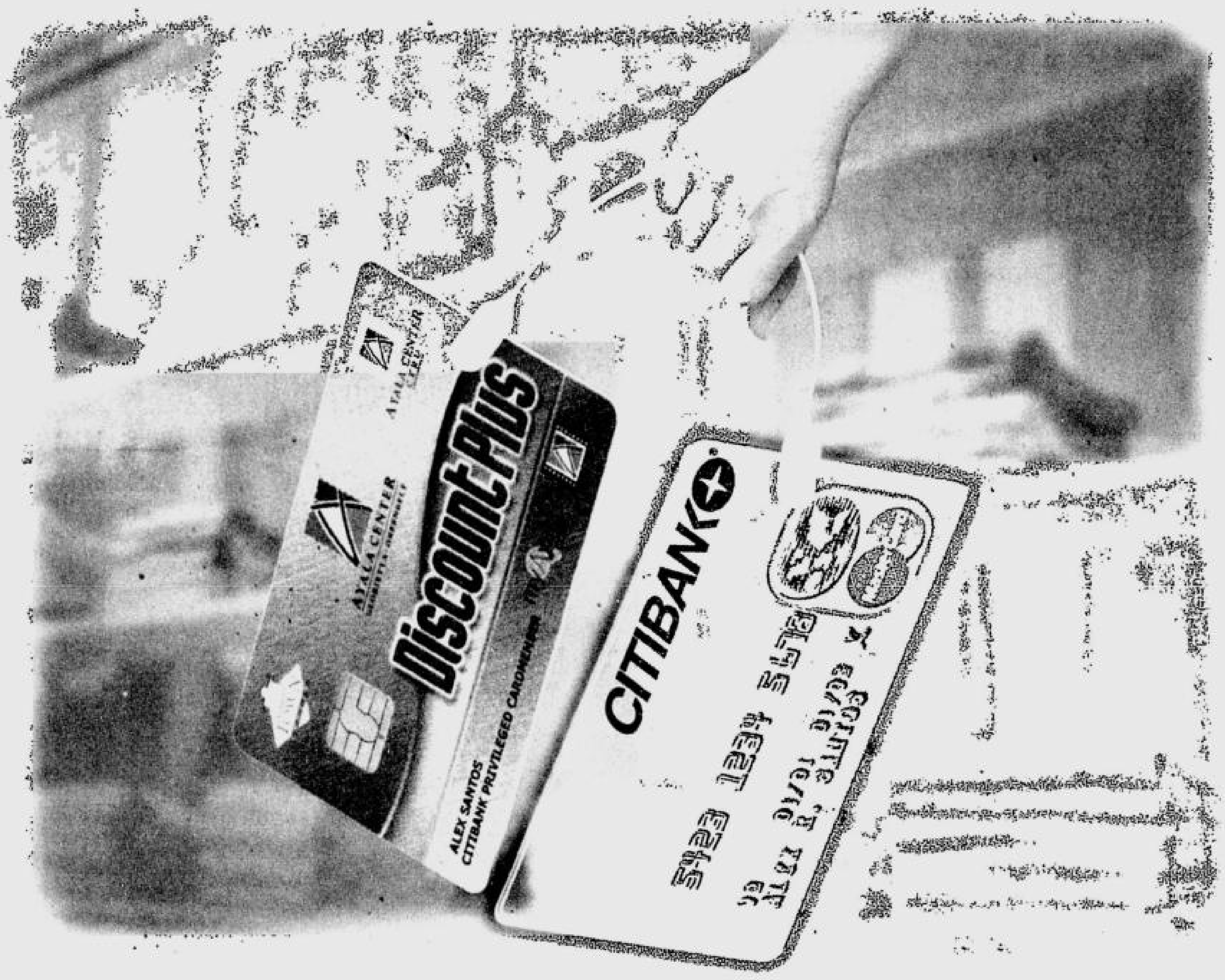

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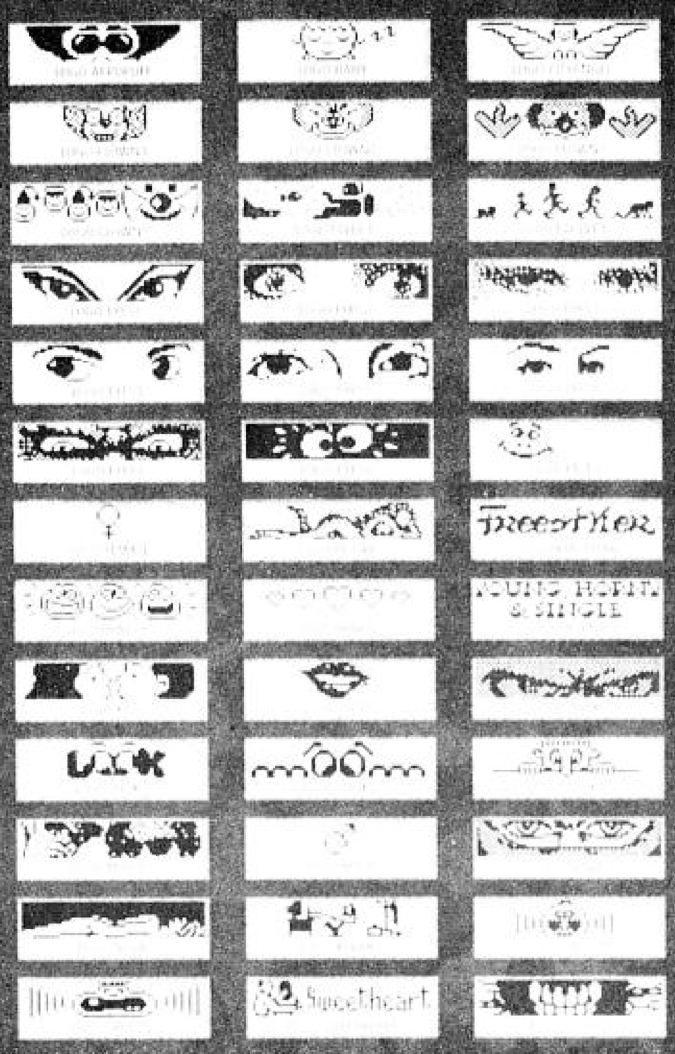

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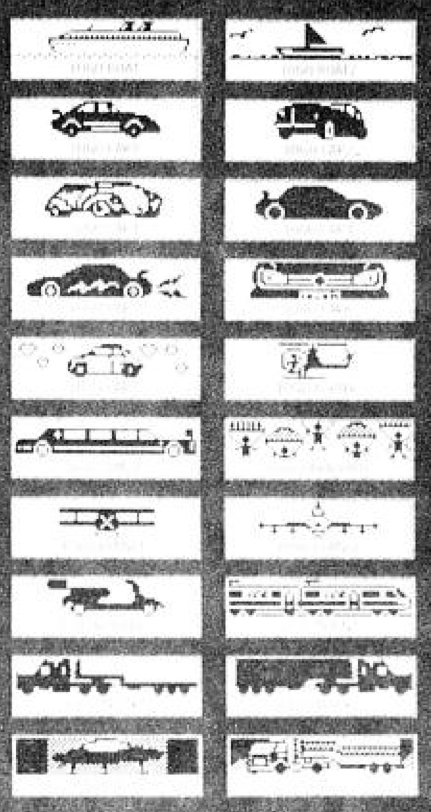

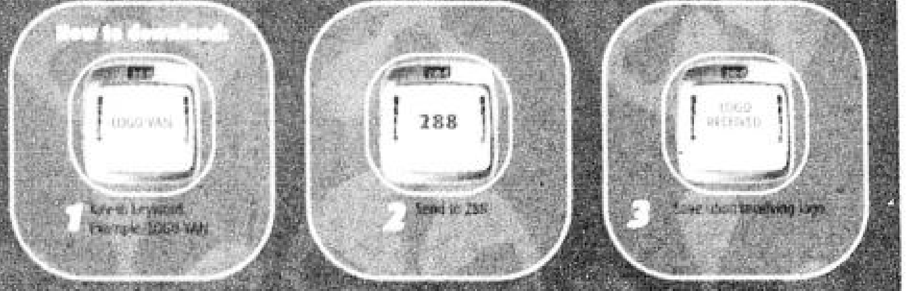
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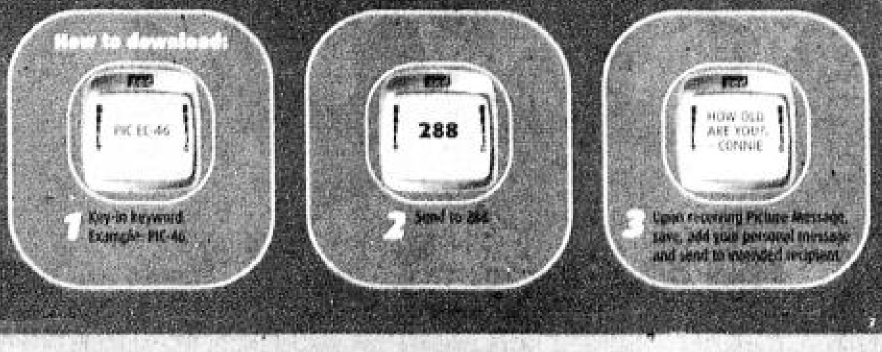
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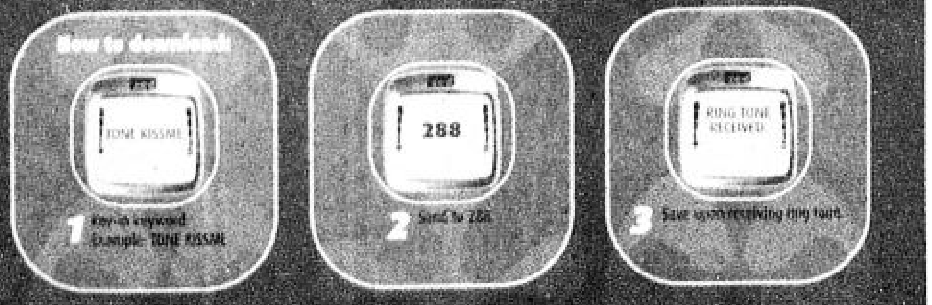
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True love waits

By Donnie C. Ramirez

FOR NEWLYWEDS Alfie Rojas and Mae Santos, that line from a popular '60s song couldn't be more appropriate. Sweethearts for years, they waited until they finished college and started working in their respective professions before finally marching down the aisle. It was worth the long wait because their black-tie wedding turned out to be one of the most elegant troths of the season.

The groom is the only son of banker Filodelfo "Jun" Rojas and the former Pina Meer. A doctor of medicine, he is a resident surgeon at the Makati Medical Center. The bride is the youngest daughter of businessman Jaime Santos and Myrna Tobias-Santos. She teaches at the Ateneo and is currently finishing her doctorate in psychology at the same school.

Mae chose pink for her color motif and Camel Awardee Aureo Alonzo designed the bridal gown, as well as the outfits of the whole entourage in light pink, fuchsia and cherry red. Msgr. Nico Bautista, assisted by Fr. Jaime Bulatao, S.J., celebrated the nuptial rites at the Santuario de San Antonio. Tenor Nolyn Cabahug and his sister Liza sang at the Mass, while the Music Unlimited Ensemble played at the reception.

Principal sponsors were Sen. Manny Villar, Rep. Luwalhati Antonino, BSP governor Rafael Buenaventura, antiques maven Viring de Asis, Dr.

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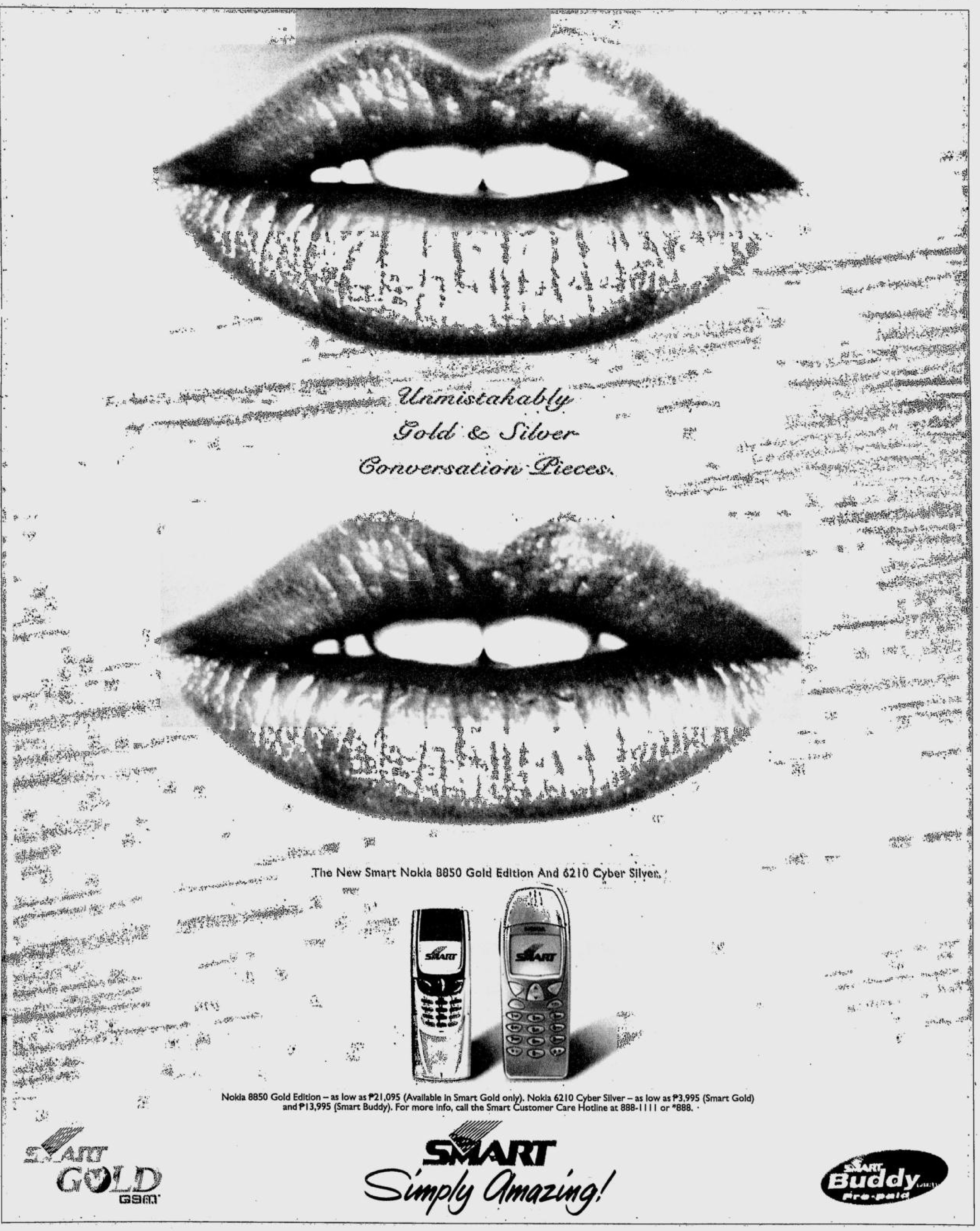

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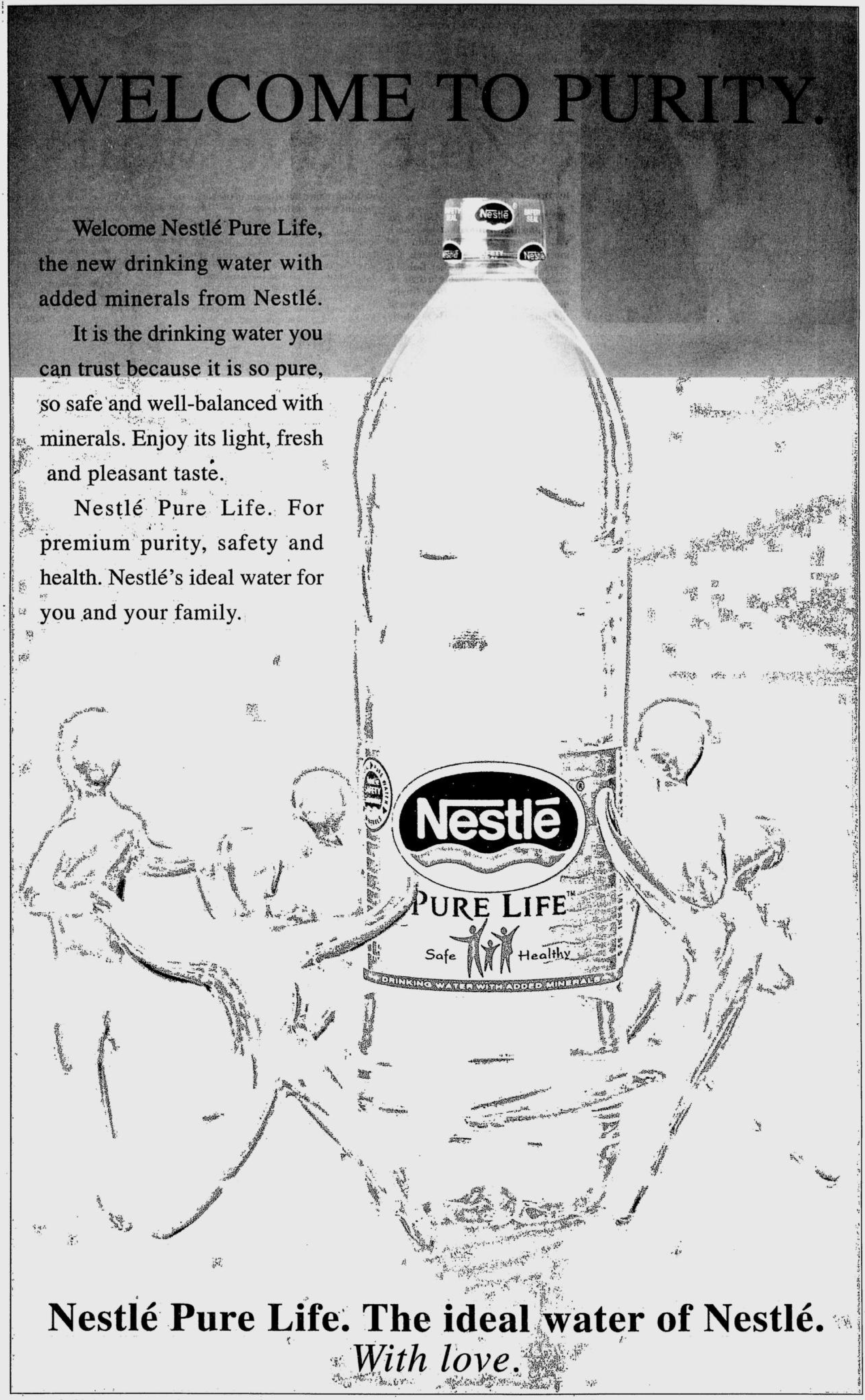
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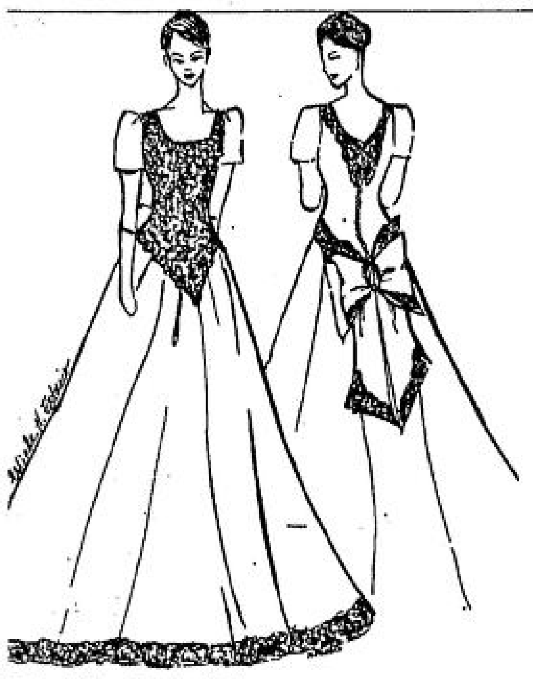
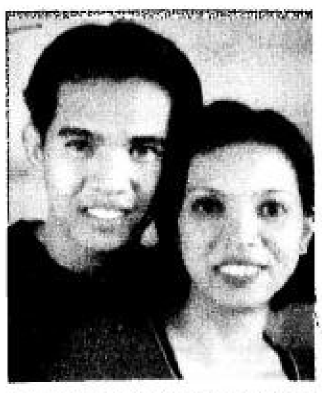


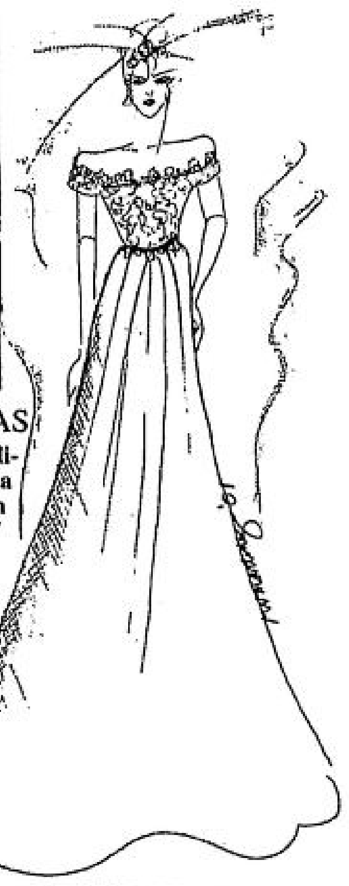
DACIA-GARCIA

Alfredo "Jon" E. Dacia Jr., son of **Alfredo V. Dacia Sr.** and **Celia E. Dacia**, will exchange vows with **Olivia Rosario S. Garcia**, daughter of **Primo S. Garcia Jr.** and **Lina Santos-Garcia**, on June 23 at 4 p.m., at St. Jerome Emiliani and St. Susana Parish, Ayala-Alabang. The bride and her entourage will wear an **Erly Espacio** creation. Reception will follow at Ceciles Restaurant, Alabang-Zapote Road, Las Piñas City.

DE LARRAZABAL-MAULIT

Carlos R. de Larrazabal Jr., son of **Carlos Antonio R. de Larrazabal** and **Marita de Larrazabal**, exchanged marital vows with **Cecile B. Maulit**, daughter of former administrator of the Land Registration Authority Judge **Reynaldo Y. Maulit** and **Julita B. Maulit**, on Dec. 30 at the Mt. Carmel Shrine, New Manila. Reception followed at the Grand Ballroom of the Galleria Suites, Ortigas Center. **Chantal Ysmael** of Apartment C did the groom's suit including the groom's entourage. Hair and makeup of the bride was done by **Fanny Seranno**.





TACLIBON-VILLEGAS

Romeo Rey Labrador Taclibon, son of **Romeo** and **Juanita Taclibon**, and **Mary Jean San Miguel Villegas**, daughter of **Carlos** and **Shirley Villegas**, will exchange vows on June 18, at the church of the Savior Superville Subdivision Sucat, Parañaque City. Reception follows at Max's Restaurant, Better Living, Parañaque City. **Roy Martinez** designed the bridal gown and those of the whole entourage.

LONZANIDA-PARCON

Engineer **Noel J. Lonzanida**, son of **Delfin Lonzanida** and **Buenaflor Jueco**, wed **Lea C. Parcon**, daughter of Lt. **Diosdado Parcon** and **Gleceria Concepcion**, on June 2 at Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Parish, Fernando Air Base, Lipa City. Reception followed at Club Victoria, Lipa City. Lea wore a duchess satin gown by **Edel Katigbak-Castro**.

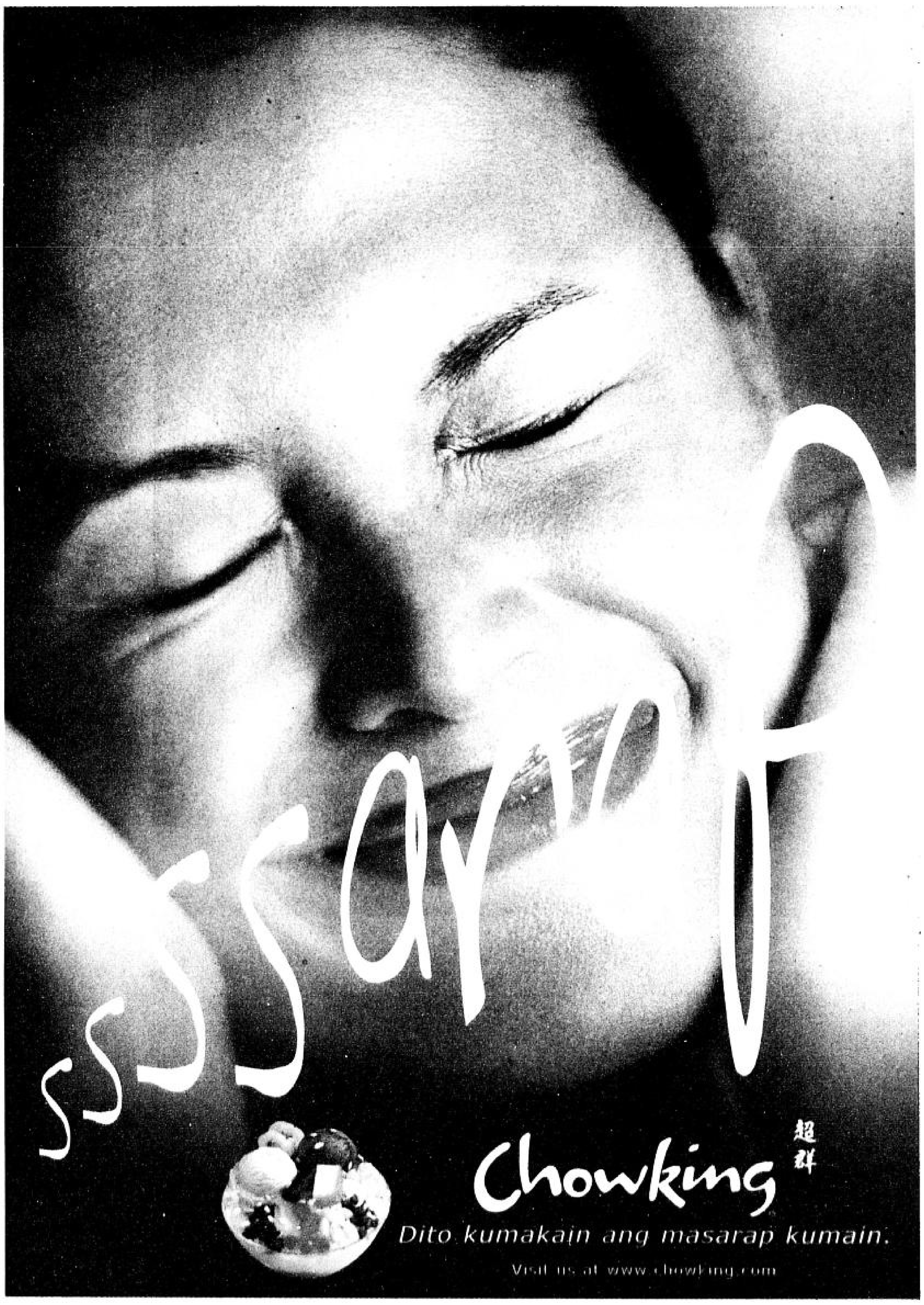
VILLANUEVA GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

William and **Priscilla Villanueva** will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on June 23 at St. Joseph Parish Church in Davao City .

Reception follows at Ladislawa Country Club, Davao City.

BUDOMO-ROBLES

Paul Budomo, son of **Alejandre** and **Gertrudes Budomo**, will wed Dr. **Sheila Nanette S. Robles**, daughter of **Albert** and **Nenita Robles**, on June 27, at the Parish of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary in West Triangle, QC. Reception follows at the Sulo Hotel.



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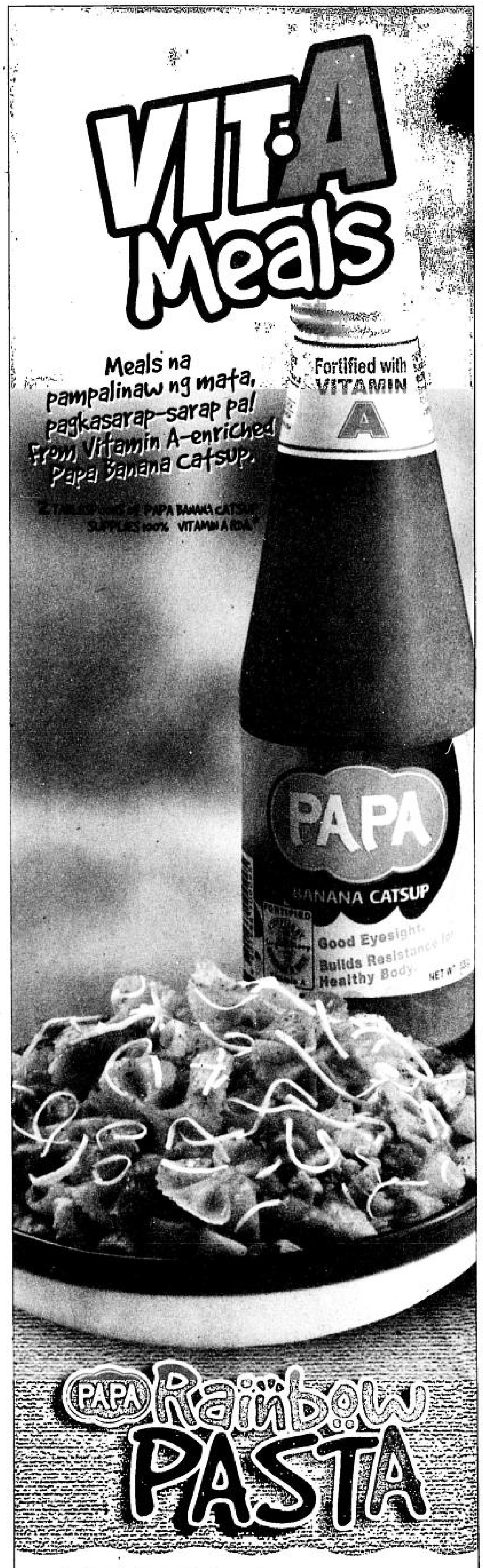

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INGREDIENTS

1/4 kg	Pasta, Multi-colored
2 Tbsp	Cooking Oil
1 Tbsp	Garlic, minced
1/4 cup	Onion, chopped
1/4 kg	Chicken breast, deboned, skinned and chopped
1/2 cup	Pork, ground
1/4 cup	Water
1 bottle	Papa Banana Catsup
1/2 brick	Tomato sauce
1/2 tsp	Oregano, dried
1/4 tsp	Pepper, ground
1/2 tsp	Basil, dried
1/2 tsp	Italian Seasoning
1/3 cup	Cheese, grated

Procedure: **

Boil pasta according to package direction. Saute garlic and onion. Add chicken breast and ground pork. Saute until brown. Add water. Simmer 10 minutes. Stir in Papa Banana Catsup and tomato sauce. Add seasonings. Simmer 2 minutes. Pour sauce over pasta. Top with grated cheese. Makes 6 servings at about P16 each.

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Nutrition Information

Serving Size: 1 1/2 cups noodle + 1/3 cup sauce (*Nutrient expressed as % of Philippine RDA for Kids 7 to 9 years old) Calories 22%, Protein 56%, Vitamin A 230%, Vitamin C 20%, Calcium 15%, Iron 20%

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She'd rather be hurt than lose the love of her married boyfriend

LOVE NOTES

Joe D' Mango

DEAR Joe,

I'm 24 years old, working in a well-established company in Ortigas. This is my first job and because of the friends I've made, I've become so attached to my work and the people around me, especially Two-Five. Two-Five is very sweet and intelligent. And we are very compatible.

During my sixth month in this office, my friend dared me to kiss Two-Five. This was a month before his wedding to his girlfriend of 11 years. But that particular kiss didn't end there. A week before their wedding, we had sex.

Now that he's a family man, we haven't stopped seeing each other. As the days pass, the more our feelings for each other grow. I tried to have a boyfriend or two after he got married, but I kept going back to him for comfort and support. My heart belongs only to him and it yearns for his love and affection. I've tried to control what I feel for him and God knows he has tried as well.

I'm so confused. He loves his wife and son but he loves me, too. I know that this relationship is going nowhere, but I just can't live without him. I just can't deny my feelings for him. The pain is unbearable, but I'd rather be hurt than lose his love. What will I do?

Thank you, Joe, and more power.

TWO-EIGHT

Destiny is indeed a matter of choice and not a matter of chance. That first kiss wouldn't have been so devastating if it was not followed by several other kisses that passionately led to something that changed your life forever.

Two-Eight, your man vowed to love his wife and only his wife for the rest of his life. It must have been difficult saying that wedding promise with you at the back of his mind. Honestly, I don't think a man can love with the same intensity twice. He could either love you or his wife more.

He knows very well that he is putting the fate of his family at stake by nurturing an illicit affair with you. If she finds out about this, then your boyfriend may face the dilemma of choosing between you and his family. Fate then will take its final course.

Two-Eight, your future will never be bright if it's going to be borrowed from someone else's misery. You just can't love a married man and be happy forever. One day, you would have to face the fact that he has a family who depends on him and he would have to stay where he truly belongs.

You have had your share of romance and moments of bliss with him. I hope you find that enough because if you would still want more, then you might as well consider breaking a family. I'm sure it is something you wouldn't want to happen to your own.

Live not on what your heart dictates but on what is right and sensible. There is still time to turn away. Remember, the true joy of living is not only in loving ourselves but also in loving without hurting others.

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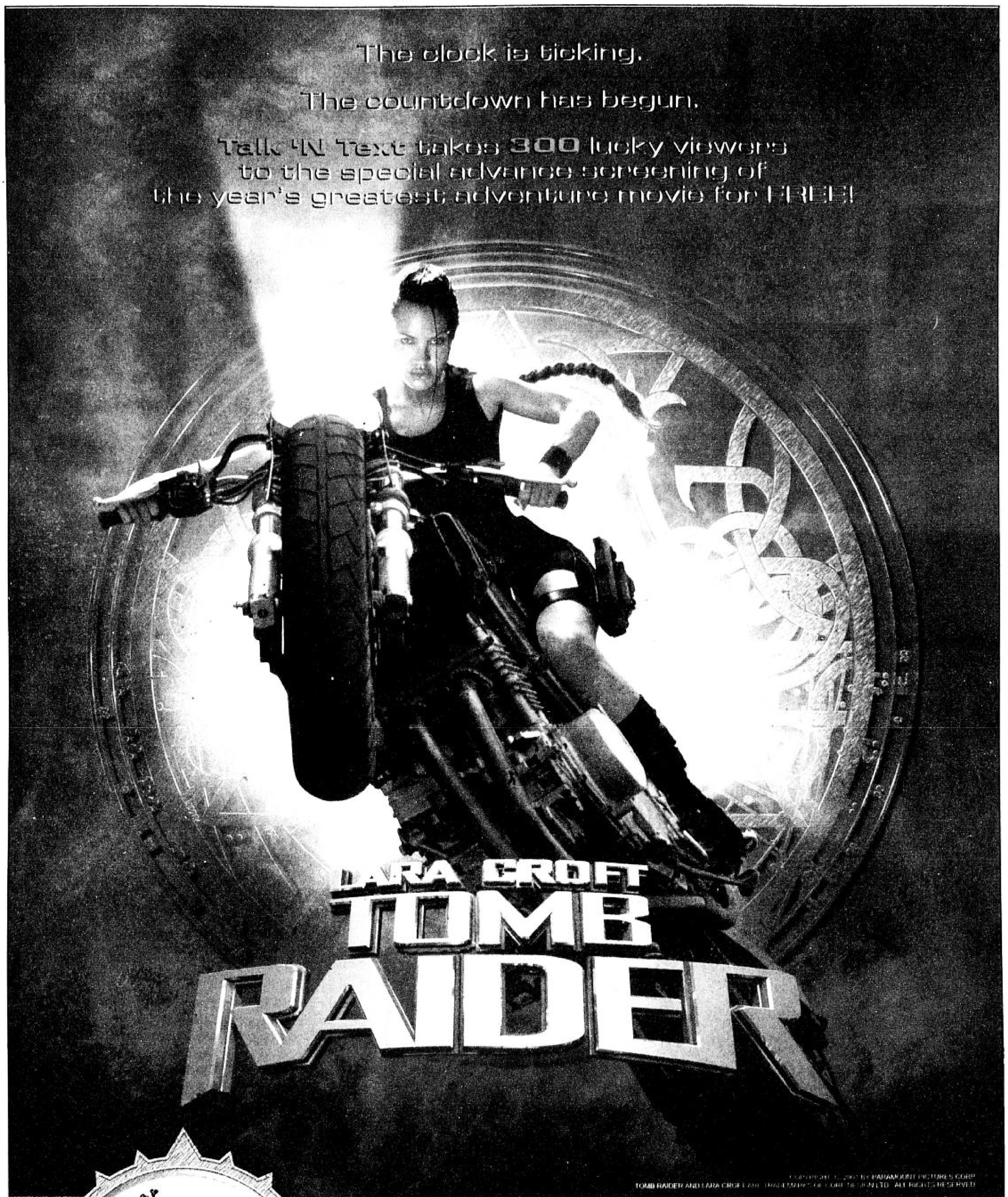
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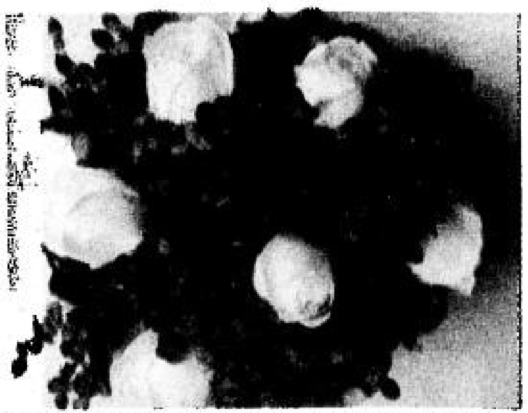
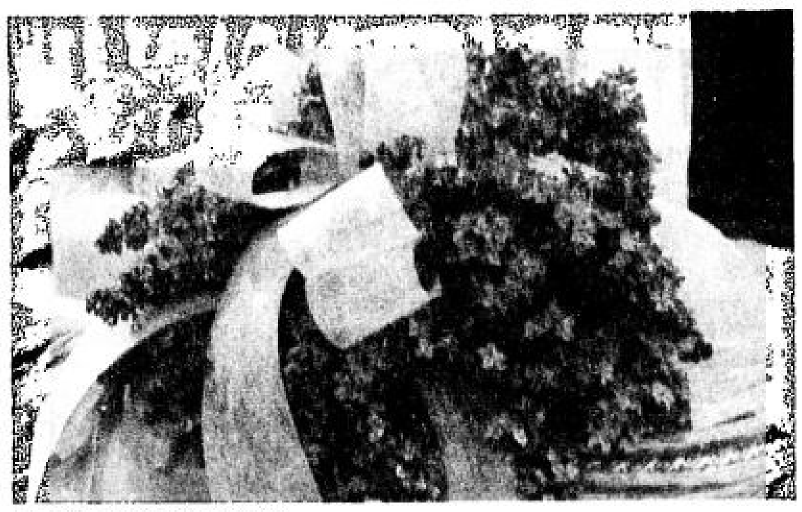


WHITE roses on a bed of greens and berries

Flowers set the tone of weddings



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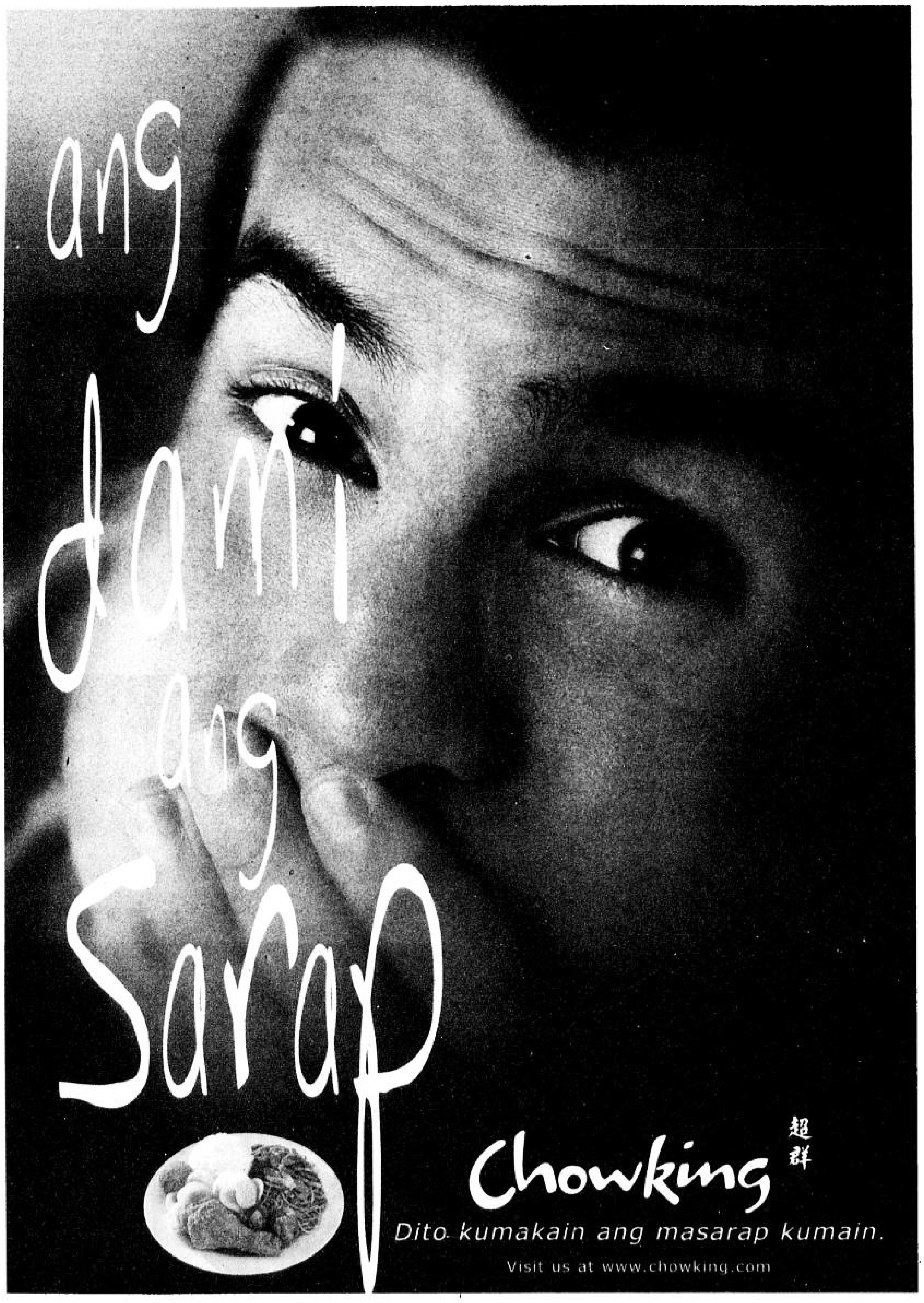

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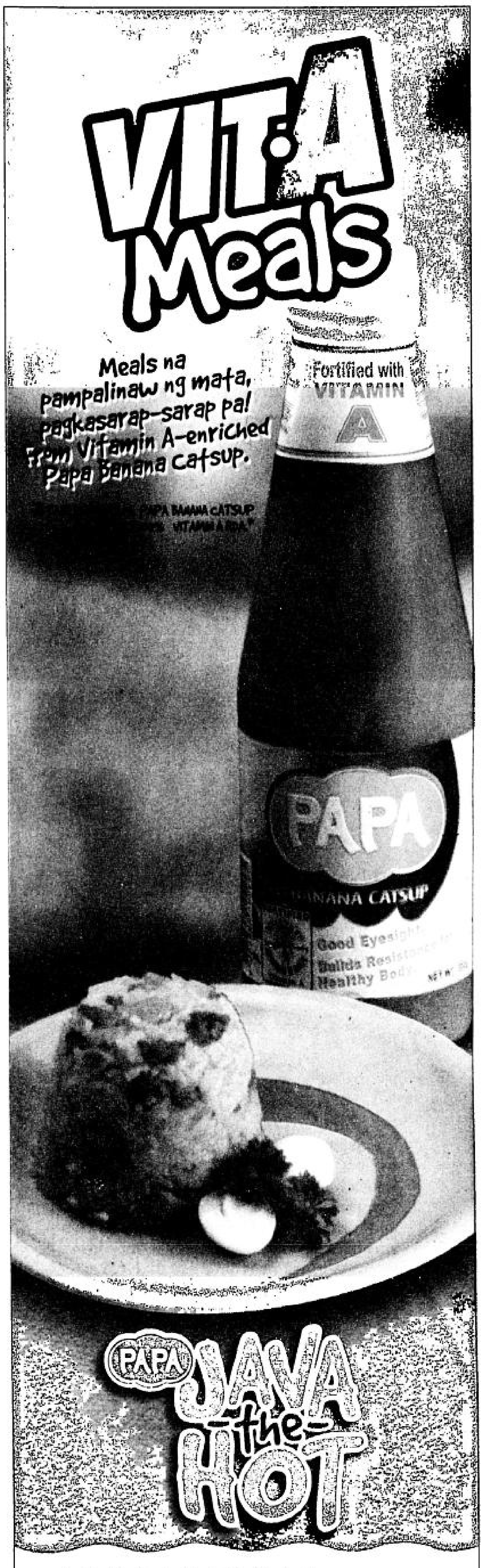

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2 Tbsp	Margarine
1 tsp	Garlic, minced
1/4 cup	Onion, chopped
1 cup	Ground beef
1/3 cup	Water
2 pcs	Hotdog
1/2 cup	Carrots, chopped
1/2 tsp	Salt
4 cups	Cooked rice
1/3 bottle	Papa Banana Catsup
	Quail eggs cooked for garnishing

Procedure: **

Saute garlic and onion in margarine. Add ground beef and saute until brown. Add water and bring to a boil. Stir in hotdog and carrots and simmer until dry. Season with salt. Add rice and Papa Banana Catsup. Blend well. Garnish with quail eggs. Makes 5 servings at about P13 each.

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WITH THEIR parents Jim and Myrna Santos and Pina and Jun Rojas

WITH (SEATED) Vicky Pimentel, Manolet Lagdameo, Ambassador Benny Tantoco, Rico Tantoco and Ceres and Sonny Bosa; (standing) Gabby and Jia Estrella, Joey and Tabbie Duarte

True love waits

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Danilo Lopez, Erlinda Tiangco, Benito Araneta, Aurora Tanseco, Charles Shih, Andrea Dulalia, lawyer Edilberto Bravo and Thelma Singson.

Matron of honor was the bride's only sister, Jia Estrella, and best man was Alfie's cousin, Tony Meer, who flew in from Virginia, USA, for the wedding. The secondary sponsors were Paul Sañares and Nanette Feliciano (candle), JP Trinidad and Kristine Tanseco (veil) and Mike Santos and Aivee Aguilar (cord). The little attendants were Carlo Gonzaga (ring bearer), Enrico Gonzaga (coin) and Angelo Flores (Bible), and Katia and Bianca Tañega, Sophia Climaco, Rianna Co, Macy Escay and Mikaela Cortez (flower girls).

The main lounge of the Manila Polo Club was abloom with fresh flowers and lush foliage for the dinner reception, which was attended by relatives and friends of both the Rojas and Santos families. Notables were the groom's youthful-looking maternal grandmother, Lody Meer, Chinabank's Peter and Helen Dee, Las Piñas reelectionist Mayor Vergel Aguilar and wife Imelda, Ambassador Frank and Cor Ebdalin, Rustan's patriarch Ambassador Benny Tantoco and son Rico, Consul Vince and Tina Carlos, rotarian Paing Hechanova, ABC 5 owner Edward Tan and wife Rita, and handsome couple Manolet Lagdameo and Vicky Pimentel of Cucina Victoria.

After a romantic honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple is back at their respective jobs. This time, they are more inspired as they have become one in heart and mind, and united in body and soul. They certainly took their time before taking the big plunge. but as St. Paul said in his Letter to the Corinthians, "Love is always patient and kind; love does not come to an end." To Alfie and Mae, cheers!

WITH THEIR friends (from left) Toby Meer, Rica and Bernard Tañega, Jimmy Gonzaga, Gerry Rojas, Michelle and Bambi Meer and Winston Chiu

WITH JOE Alejandro (standing), Freddie Borromeo, Caling Young and (seated) Helen Dee, Fiona Borromeo, Mariza del Rosario and Lody Campos

SANIROSE Orbeta, Marilou Alejandro and Cynthia Villar

THE BRIDE with mom Myrna Santos, sister Jia Estrella and (behind) sister-in-law Bunnee Santos

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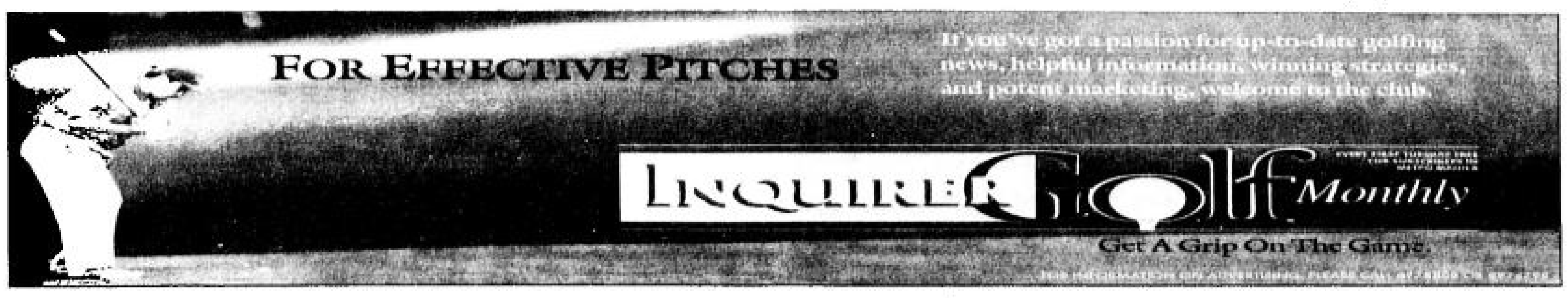

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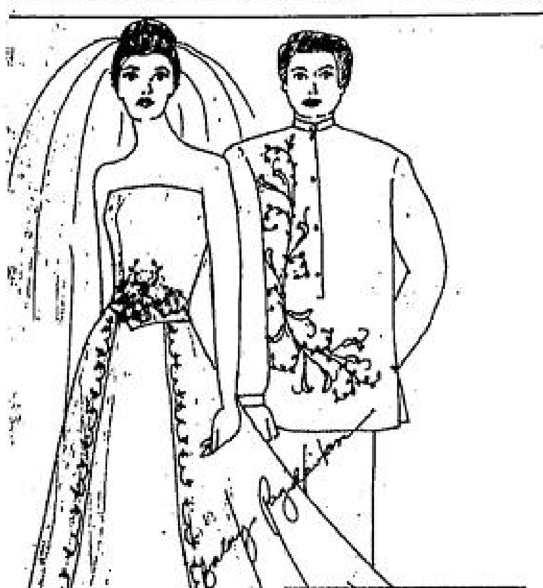


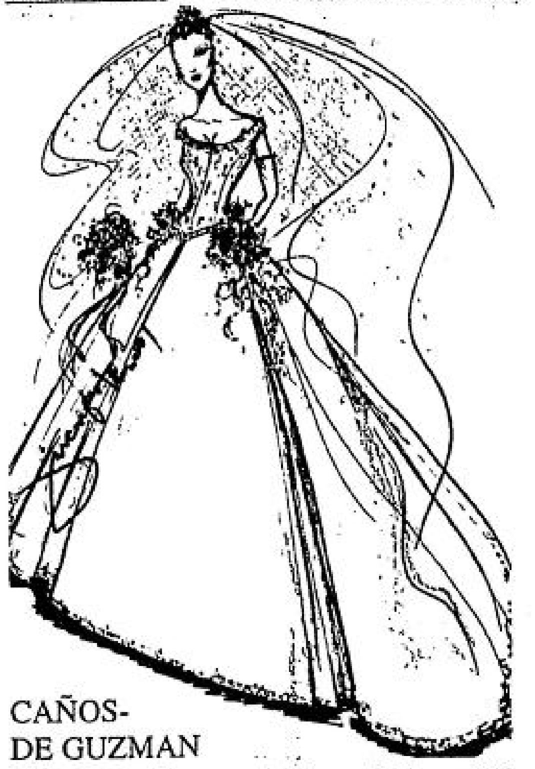
BAUTISTA-DELACRUZ

Romel P. Bautista, son of **Rufo A. Bautista** and **Imelda P. Bautista**, will tie the knot with **Baby-Ann de la Cruz**, daughter of **Eleuterio B. de la Cruz** and **Loreta D. de la Cruz**, on June 23 at Lisland Reinforest Hotel, Urdaneta, Pangasinan.

The bride will wear a two-piece ivory gown with detachable train made of imported shantung silk accentuated by intricate beadwork designed by **Rollie H. Graza**. The whole entourage will wear ensembles by Balay Pagdaitan.

REYES-ABANILLA

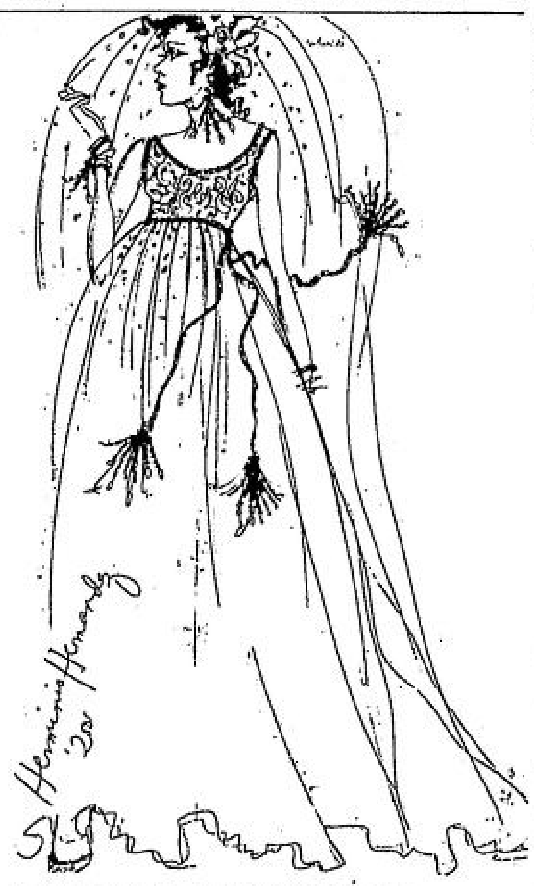
Vincent Abanilla, son of **Vicente** and **Lyne Alano Abanilla**, and **Anne Reyes**, daughter of **Felix** and **Rosalina Reyes**, recently tied the knot at the San Agustin Church in Intramuros, Manila. Reception was held at Baluarte de San Diego Gardens. The newlyweds are shown with their principal sponsors: **Sol Dy**, **Carissa Tiongson**, **Tessie Mariano**, **Mila Lim**, **Julie Barcelon**, **Inocencia Malbarosa**, **Maura Vicencio**, **Letticia Guzman** and **Beth Pelea**, who proxied for **Carol Celeste Pascua**, **Efren Gatus**, lawyer **Alfredo C. Lim**, **Emmanuel Lopez**, **Rudy Alano**, **Pepito Olarte**, **Alex Uy**, **Bernard Magsakay**, **Ricky Domingo** and administrator **Butch Ferrer Jr.**



CAÑOS-DE GUZMAN

Thess de Guzman, daughter of Mr. and Ms **Jaime de Guzman**, will exchange vows with **Paul Caños**, son of Ms **Gertrudes Caños**, on June 30 at the San Agustin Church. Reception will follow at the Ballroom of Bayview Park Hotel, Roxas Boulevard.

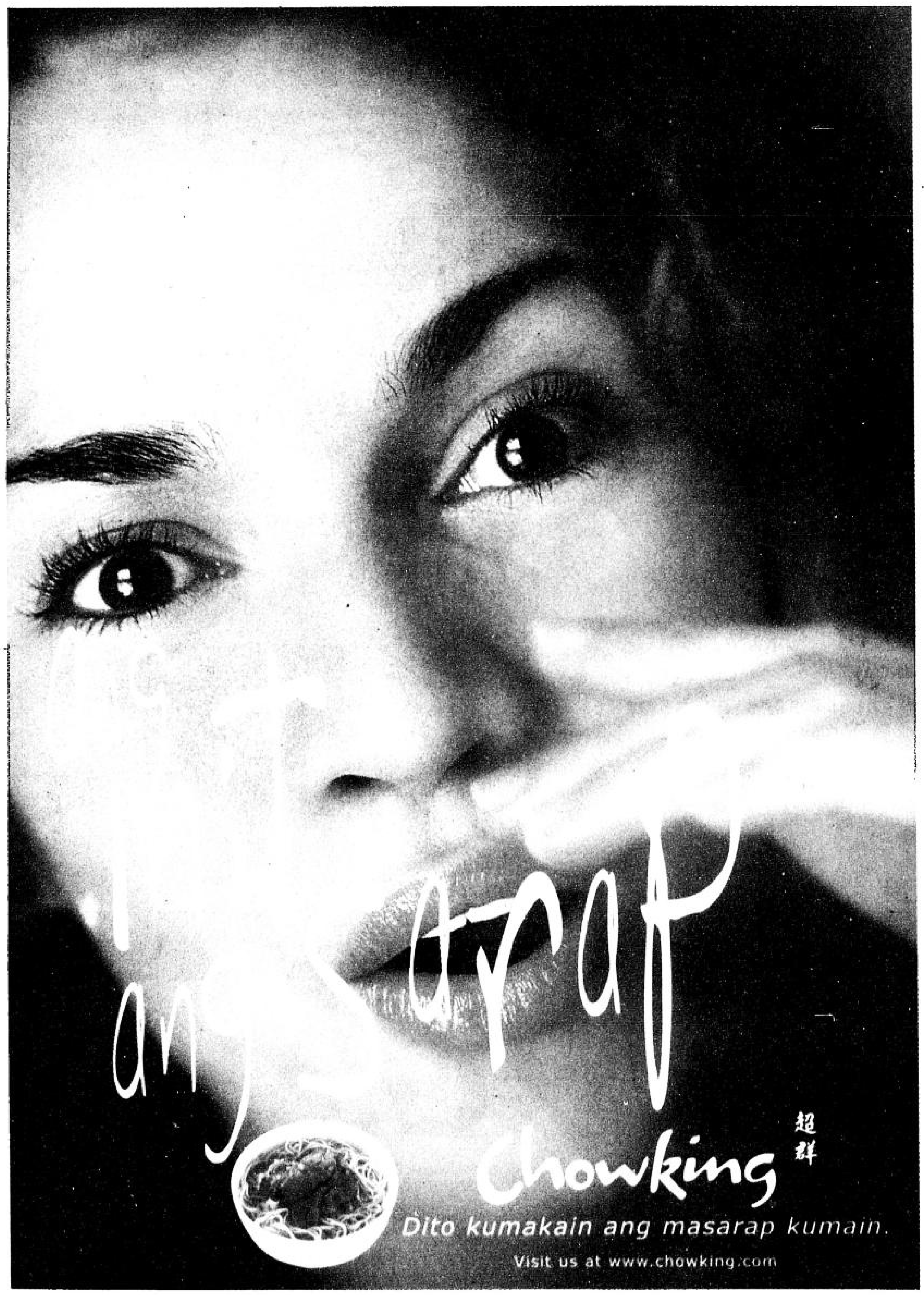
The bride will wear a tip-of-the-shoulder bouffant gown embellished with cut glass, sugar beads and Swarovski crystals by **Jun Ricaforte** of I Do.



PANGANIBAN-QUIANSAY

Jhonalyn Quiansay, daughter of Mr. and Ms **Orly Quiansay**, will exchange vows with **Christopher Panganiban**, son of Mr. and Ms **Sosimo Panganiban**, on June 16 at St. Jude Church in Cavite.

The gown was designed and executed by **Herminio Hernandez** of Dubai, UAE.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PAPA RAINBOW PASTA

INGREDIENTS
1/4 kg Pasta, Multi-colored
2 Tbsp Cooking Oil
1 Tbsp Garlic, minced
1/4 cup Onion, chopped
1/4 kg Chicken breast, deboned, skinned and chopped
1/2 cup Pork, ground
1/4 cup Water
1 bottle Papa Banana Catsup
1/2 brick Tomato sauce
1/2 tsp Oregano, dried
1/4 tsp Pepper, ground
1/2 tsp Basil, dried
1/2 cup Italian Seasoning
1/3 cup Cheese, grated

Procedure: **
Boil Pasta according to package direction. Saute garlic and onion. Add chicken breast and ground pork. Saute until brown. Add water. Simmer 10 minutes. Stir in Papa Banana Catsup and tomato sauce. Add seasonings. Simmer 2 minutes. Pour sauce over pasta.Top with grated cheese. Makes 6 servings at about P16 each.

PAPA FISH PUFFS

INGREDIENTS
1 1/2 cups Fish meat, blanched and flaked
1tsp Soy sauce
1tsp Oyster sauce
1/4 tsp Pepper, ground
2 Tbsp Cooking oil
2 tsp Garlic, minced
2 Tbsp Onion, chopped
1/4 cup Carrots, chopped
1 Tbsp Celery stalks, chopped
1/3 bottle Papa Banana Catsup
Cooking oil for frying

Coating: 1 pc. egg, beaten
1/4 cup flour, all-purpose
1/4 cup bread crumbs

Procedure: **
Season fish with soy sauce, oyster sauce and pepper. Saute garlic and onion. Add flaked fish, carrots and celery. Stir in Papa Banana Catsup and cook until dry. Cool and shape into balls. Roll fish balls alternately in egg, flour and bread crumbs. Deep fry in oil until golden brown. Makes 24 pieces or 6 servings at about P10 per serving.

PAPA BUSOG OMELETTE

INGREDIENTS
2 Tbsp Margarine
1/4 cup Onion, chopped
1/2 cup Ground beef
1/4 cup Water
1/2 cup Ham, cubed
1/4 cup Celery, chopped
1/2 cup Potatoes, diced and fried
1/4 tsp Salt
1/4 tsp Pepper
3 Tbsp Papa Banana Catsup
6 pcs Eggs, beaten
6 Tbsp Milk, evaporated
1/3 bottle Papa Banana Catsup

garnishing: Tomato slices
Cucumber slices

Procedure: **
Saute onion. Add ground beef and saute until brown. Add water and simmer until dry. Stir in ham, celery and potatoes. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in 3 tablespoons Papa Banana Catsup. Set aside. Divide this filling into 6 portions. Beat one egg and one tablespoon milk. Pour into lightly greased pan. Cook over medium heat until egg begins to set. Do the same with the rest of the eggs and milk. Spread one portion of the filling over egg. Cook one more minute. Fold over sides of omelette and lift into a plate. Do the same with the rest of the eggs. Garnish with tomato and cucumber slices. Serve with Papa Banana Catsup Makes 6 servings at about P15 each.

PAPA JAVA-THE-HOT

INGREDIENTS
2 Tbsp Margarine
1 tsp Garlic, minced
1/4 cup Onion, chopped
1 cup Ground beef
1/3 cup Water
2 pcs Hotdog
1/2 cup Carrots, chopped
1/2 tsp Salt
[illegible]ups Cooked rice
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Quail eggs, cooked for garnishing

Procedure: **
Saute garlic and onion in margarine. Add ground beef and saute until brown. Add water and bring to a boil. Stir in hotdog and carrots and simmer until dry. Season with salt. Add rice and Papa banana catsup. Blend well. Garnish with quail eggs. Makes 5 servings at about P13 each.

PAPA MEATSY BITSY SPAGHETTI

INGREDIENTS
1/4 kg Spaghetti
2 Tbsp Cooking oil
1/4 cup Bacon, cut into squares
1/2 cup Frozen corn
1 Tbsp Garlic, minced
1/4 cup Onion, chopped
1/2 cup Ground beef
5 pcs Mushroom buttons, chopped
1/4 cup Water
1 1/4 bottle Papa Banana Catsup
1/2 brick Tomato Sauce
1/4 tsp Pepper, ground
1/4 tsp Oregano, dried
1/4 tsp Basil, dried
1/3 cup Cheese, grated

Procedure: **
Boil noodles according to package direction. Stir fry bacon and corn. Set aside. Saute garlic and onion. Add ground beef and mushroom. Cook until meat is brown. Add water and simmer until dry. Stir in Papa Banana Catsup and tomato sauce. Season with pepper, oregano and basil. Simmer 5 minutes. Stir in bacon and corn. Pour sauce over noodles. Top with grated cheese. Makes 7 servings at about P15 each

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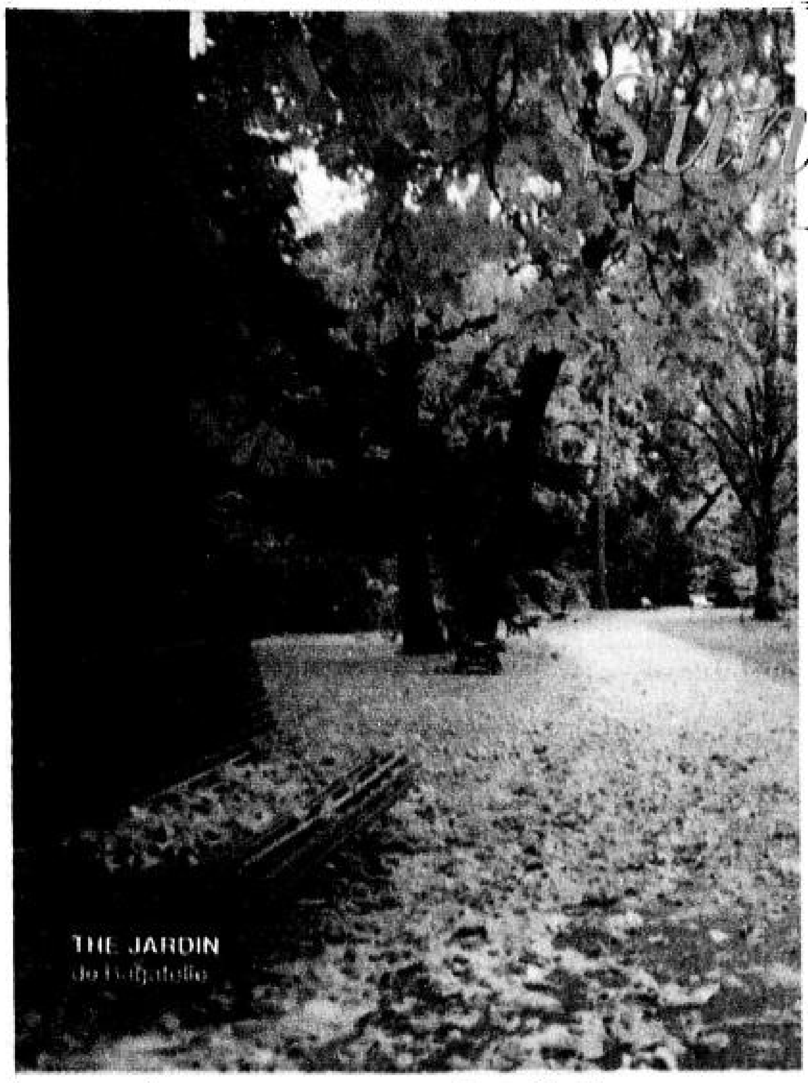

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THE MAD TEA PARTY

Clinton Palanca

THIS is the column that I should write upon returning home after a month in Paris: that I have seen many strange and wonderful things, and I felt sad that my own country could not be like that; but at the same time I felt a desperate longing and urge to return home, so that I could work for the social and economic development of the land of my birth. I should conclude the piece by saying that I have returned tired but happy, glad to see my friends, and that there's no place like home.

Phaugh. (Actually, I have never quite figured out how to pronounce that expression, but it looks really good on paper; so I shall use it one more time, for effect. *Phaugh.*) I hate coming home. Not because my hometown is

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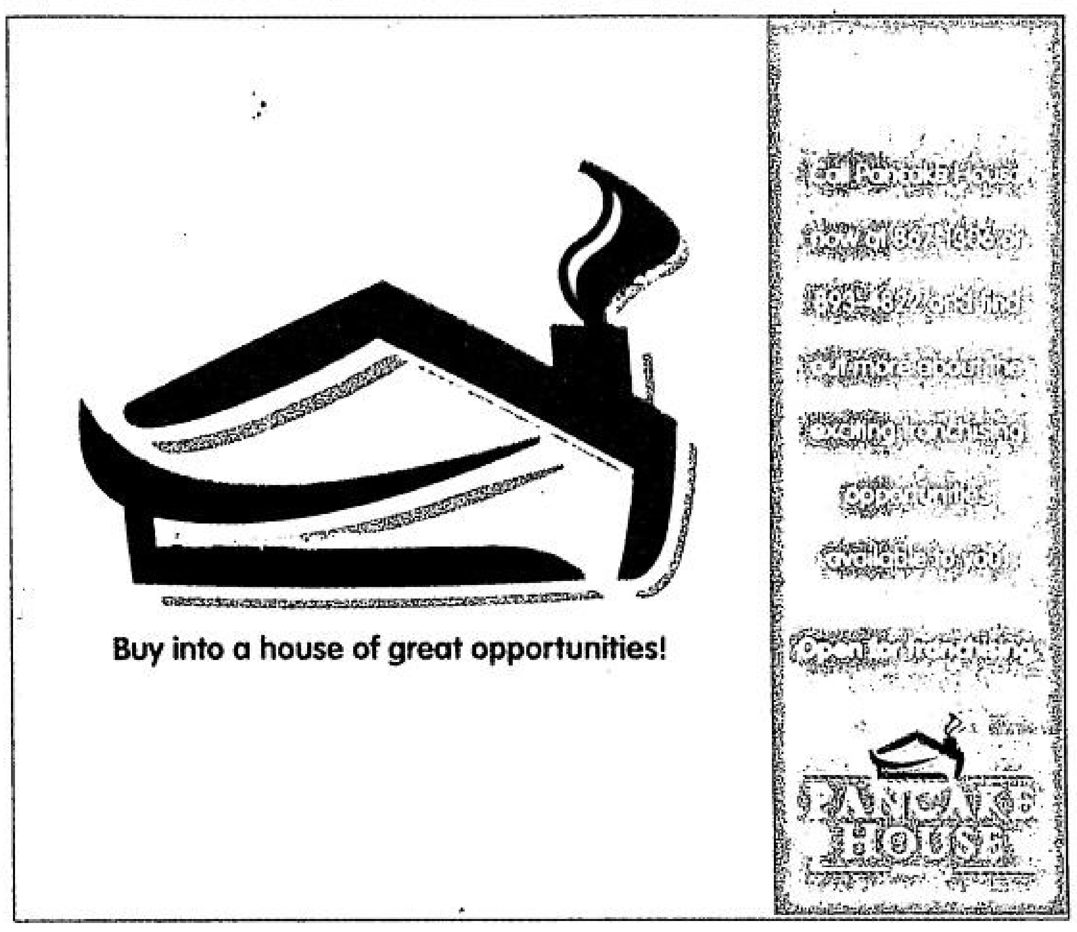
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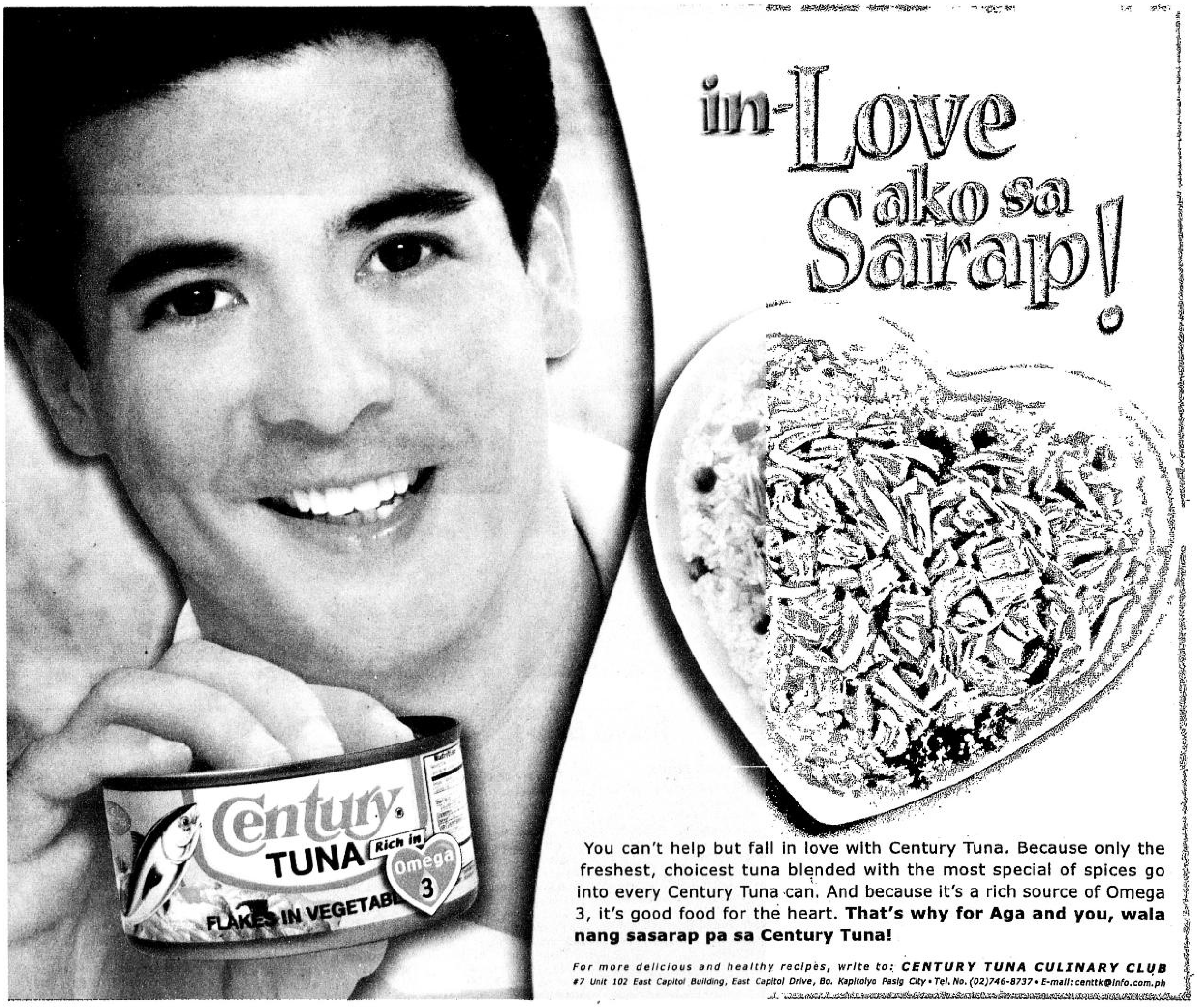
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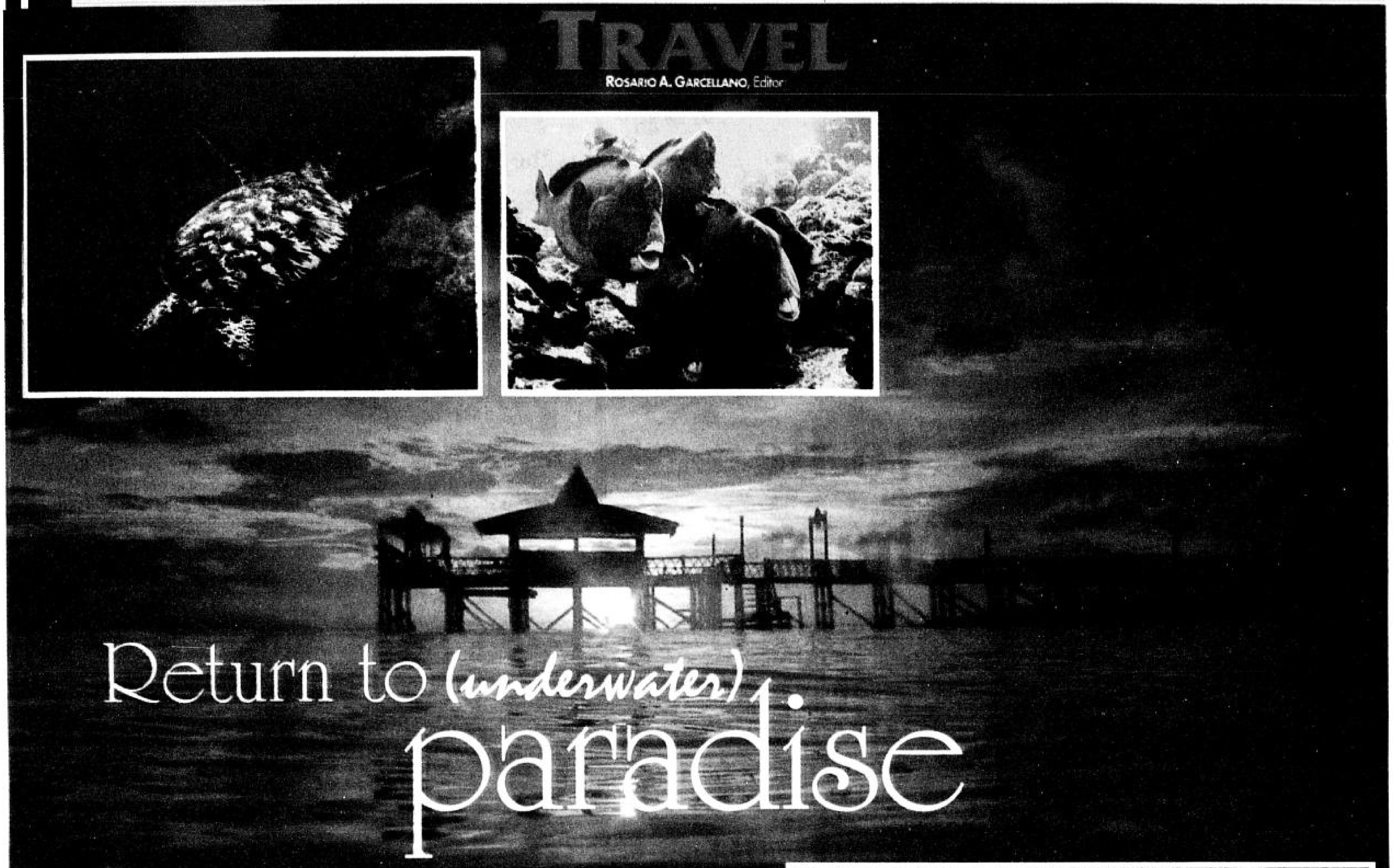


Return to (underwater) paradise

TEXT AND PHOTOS
BY CORA GUIDOTE

Kapalai offers spectacular views of the sun rising and setting on the vast horizon, on which one can hardly draw the line between land and sea

FRIENDS probably thought I had flipped when I told them where I was headed for my recent eight-day holiday.

I was not quite as frank when it came to my parents, whom I simply told that I was going to Malaysia for a dive trip. I spared them the details to keep my ailing mother from unduly worrying about me.

The island of Sipadan hogged the global headlines last year following the hostage-taking activities of the Abu Sayyaf. Its proximity to Jolo made it the most accessible foreign land for fugitives and terrorists at the height of the military offensive in Mindanao.

But since that hostage taking, a platoon of Malaysian soldiers has been securing Sipadan. (Nearby resorts such as Kapalai also enjoy such security, but to a lesser degree.).Military planes fly by twice a day. And once or twice a week, more soldiers and officers do the rounds—a rather comforting thought for tourists intending to enjoy the place and the excellent food, and not end up trekking the mountains of Jolo in terror, not to mention fatigue.

Sipadan remains one of the most favored destinations of avid scuba divers. Its waters are known for a profusion of sea turtles and schools of barracuda—an intriguing come-on for budding underwater photographers like myself.

That the trip was awe-inspiring is an understatement. Sipadan is a photographer's paradise offering breathtaking scenes both on land and underwater. Macro subjects such as tiny crabs, leaf fish, shrimps, pipefish, scorpion fish, crocodile fish, and cuttlefish are a bubble away in Kapalai, the resort that we stayed in.

Kapalai stands on stilts above a giant reef, and is just 15 minutes by speedboat from Sipadan. Apart from the fish, it offers spectacular unobstructed views of the sun rising and setting on the vast horizon, on which one can hardly draw the line between sky and sea.

Sipadan, on the other hand, is an oasis for big solitary fish as well as for large schools. Each dive guarantees close encounters with reef sharks, sea turtles, giant trevallies, great barracudas, and Napoleon wrasses. Amazing schools of big-eye jacks, barracudas and batfish are a frequent sight.

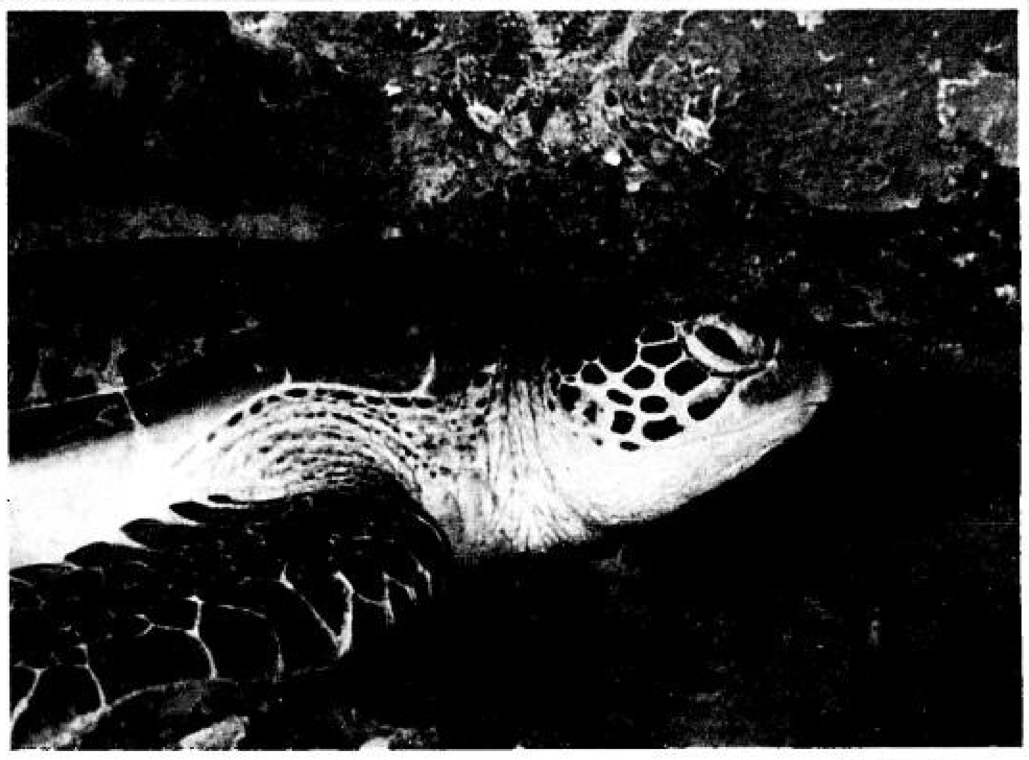
Unique to the island are its hundreds of humphead parrotfish that sleep beside one another around 30 feet below sea level along the walls of the drop-off near Pulau Sipadan Resort. The sight of them makes night and dawn dives off the island most gratifying.

As the sun rises, these 3-to-4-feet-long humpheads wake and swim about 500 meters toward Barracuda Point for their morning ritual. Rock and coral clusters become virtual car wash stations as the humpheads come one after another for the cleaner wrasses to feed on the parasites that stick to their teeth, gills and body.

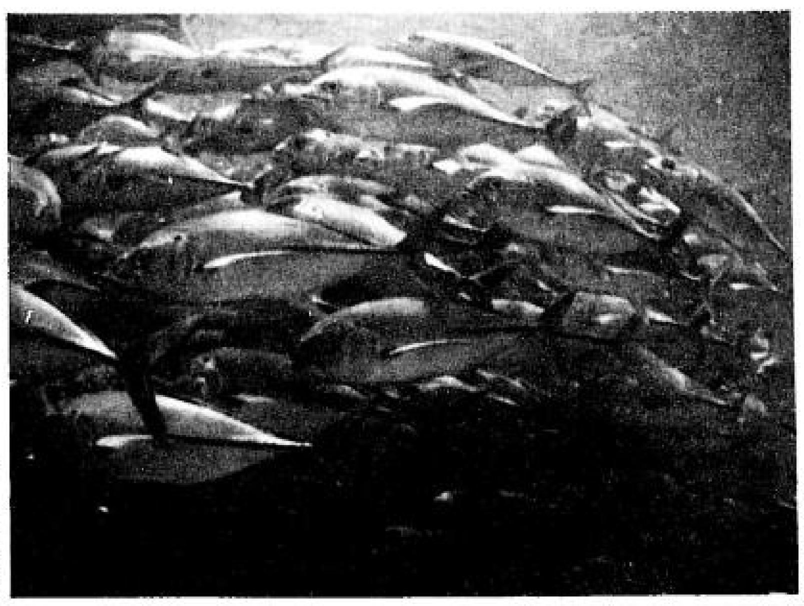
I had never seen such an organized bunch of characters. Nature does have a way of putting things in order.

Much to my delight, these fish are not camera-shy. During "cleaning" operations, one can approach and watch them quite closely (though not too close as to touch them).

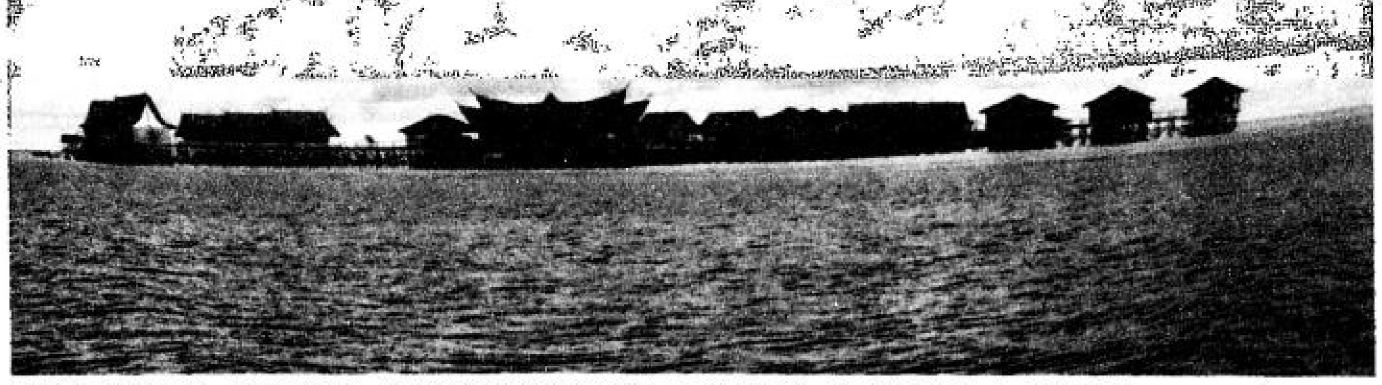
Going to Sipadan wasn't very easy. Two flights to Kota Kinabalu and Tawau, a one-and-a-half-hour road trip to Semporna, and a 45-minute boat ride to Kapalai ate up a total of about eight hours. Add to that an overnight stay in Kota Kinabalu—but who cares? For such a marvelous place, I could perhaps trek the mountains of Jolo just to get there. (Perhaps.)



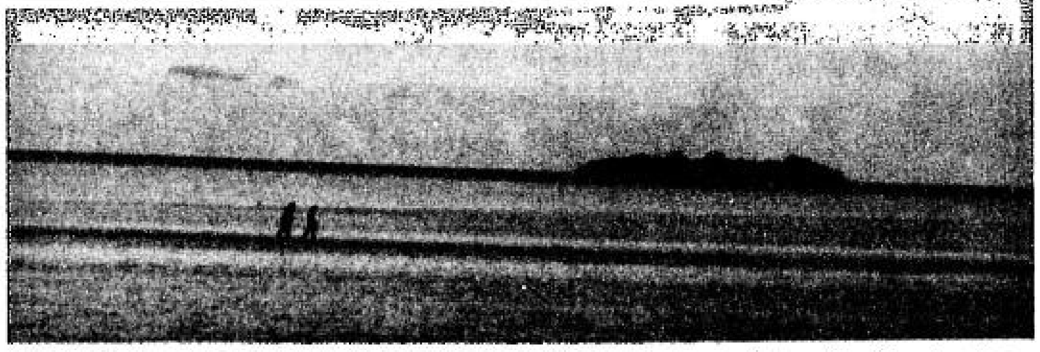
SUNRISE explodes on the Sipadan drop-off point (top). Humphead parrotfish (top, inset) and turtles are just some of the wondrous creatures underwater.



SCHOOL of big-eye jacks gears for a whirl of motion.



KAPALAI Resort, where Kevin Costner's "Waterworld" was shot, sits on stilts upon a giant reef.



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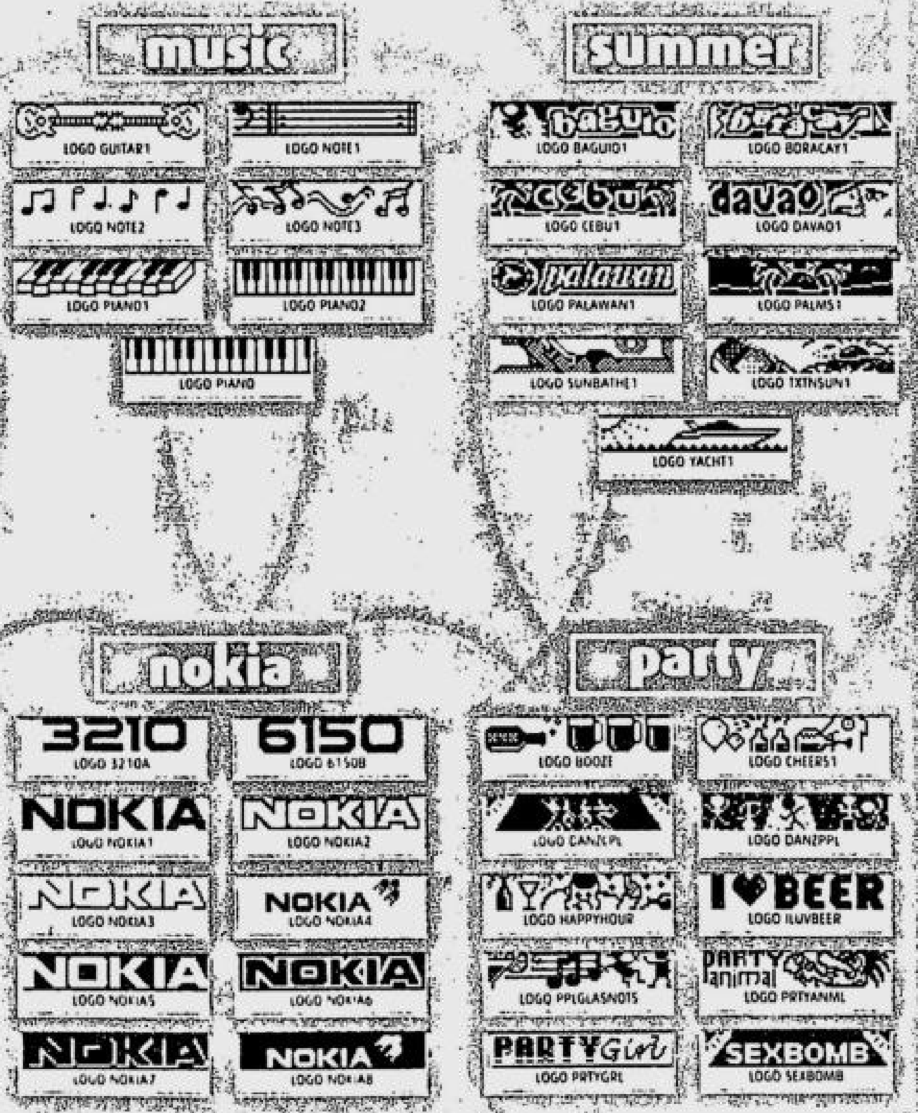
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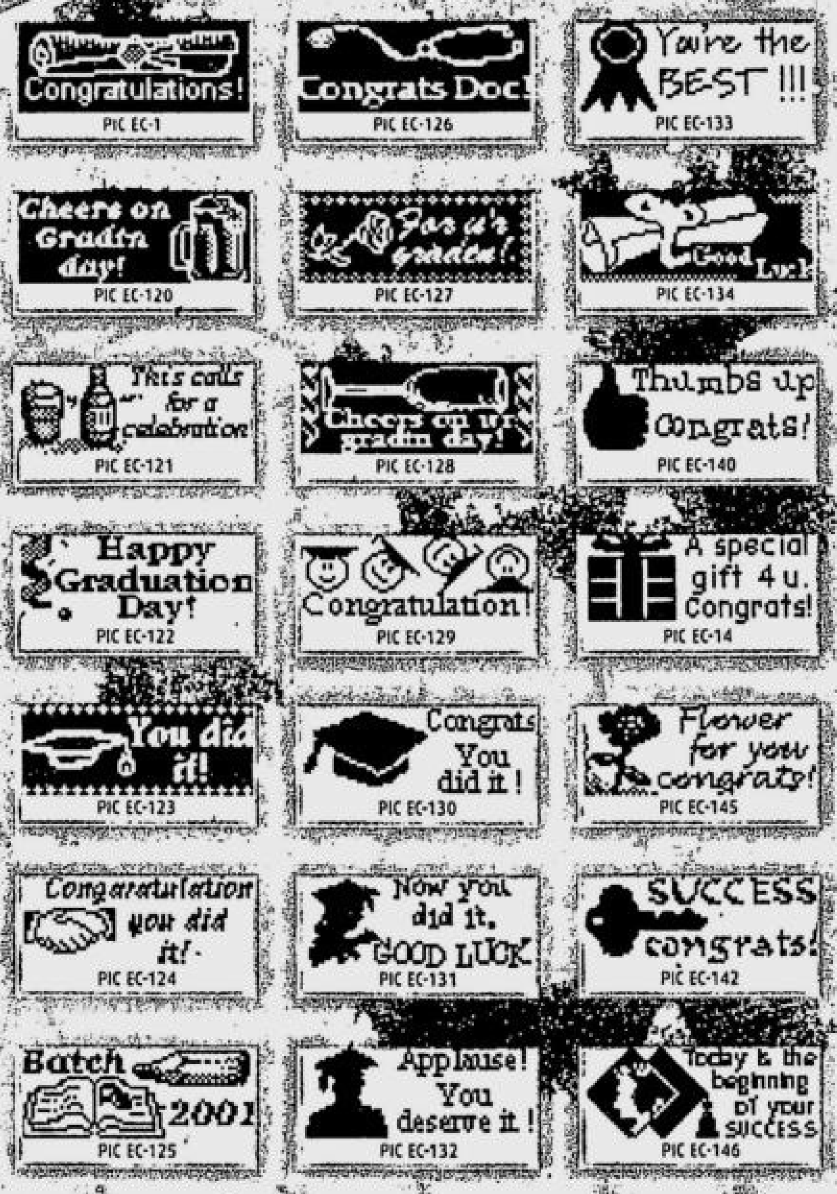
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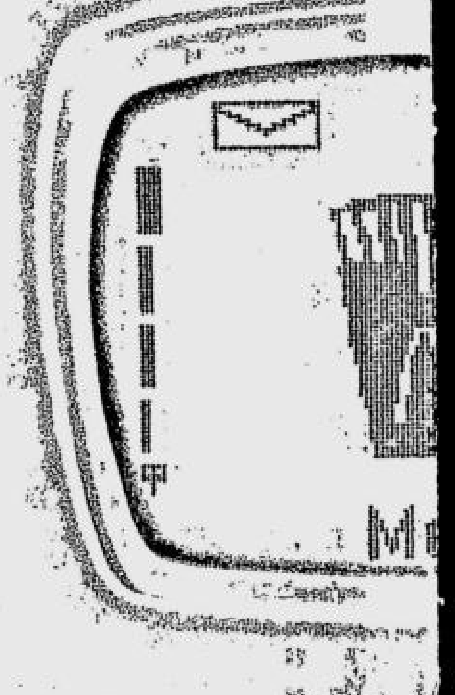

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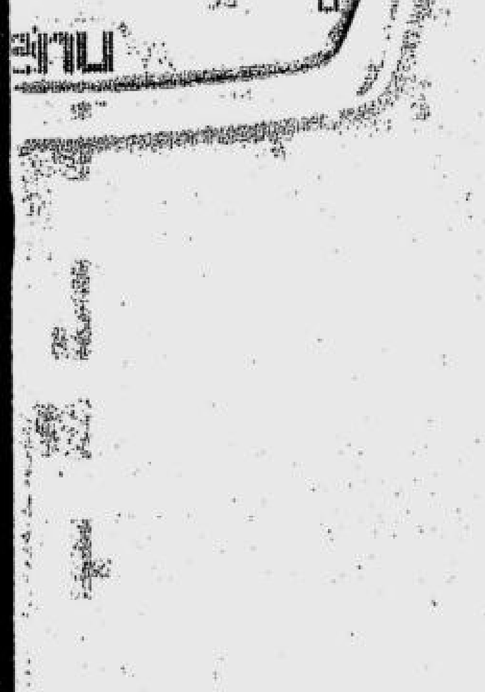

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Paris is where I go to be happy

(From page F1)

Manila; I'm sure I would feel the same way if I lived elsewhere, even if it were Paris. That's one of the reasons that I wouldn't want to live in Paris: I want to preserve in my mind the idea of Paris as a magical city, a place where I go to be happy, the secret lover who will always be waiting for me. It's like the difference between the woman you marry and the woman you love.

Brief flirtations

Before people get the idea that I spend my time in riotous dissipation, let me explain what I was doing in Paris. It was like (to extend this very useful metaphor) meeting one's lover in another situation, at a cocktail party perhaps, on someone else's arm. I was actually in Paris for work, and I could only escape for brief flirtations once every so often. I was hired by the IFS to accompany a student exchange program; essentially, to safeguard the virginity of nine young pubescents as they scampered about Paris. So I figured that in between shepherding them from the Louvre to the Eiffel Tower, I could take in a few of the real sights of Paris: my favorite cafés and tearooms, the little permanent street markets, the great restaurants where memories of past meals come flooding back past my tonsils. While the students were asking what the church across the river was (I think it was the Notre Dame, but I'm just guessing), I was showing them the menu of the Tour d'Argent and pointing out the seat where Hirohito had had his *canard au sang*.

Teachers like to say that they learn as much from their students as they their students do from them. After two years of teaching English at the Ateneo, I would like to stake a claim to the contrary: what actually happens is that your mental age quickly comes to approximate that of your students. That is why many preschool teachers tend to talk very slowly, in words of one syllable, nodding and smiling all the time, even when they are conversing with their peers. I learned very little from my students, although I will reveal here a little trick that you mustn't pass on: if you write your essay-question answers in a very small, cramped handwriting, the teacher will probably stop reading halfway through and give it a good score anyway. Don't tell too many people, though.

So I wasn't expecting to learn much from interacting with the students. Indeed, there were some days when I thought that if I heard one more Britney Spears vs Christina Aguilera debate, or another pogrom against the N64 as opposed to the superiority of the PS2, I would go autistic. They were busy experiencing their first tastes of alcohol, wondering what cigarettes tasted like, and figuring out whom to take to the prom. A thought struck me, and I decided to go and think about this thought. Paris is a good place to think about thoughts, because you have the right setting for it. So I donned a striped shirt and a beret, lit a cigarette, ordered an espresso, gazed dreamily down the Seine and the many bridges that crossed it, and at the plane trees and chestnuts just beginning to come into leaf. An accordion started to play, and the entire scene turned to black-and-white.

Although the choice of psychoactive substance might be different (e/k/a as opposed to alcohol), the setting might be different (Stars rather than C2), the means of flirtation might be different (sending love letters with poems that rhyme versus faux-casual e-mails), they had already entered the same sphere of reality in which most single people live. I found this a disturbing thought. Replace "school" with "work" and, essentially, although I had lived twice their lifetimes, our concerns were the same. They had already begun the phase when what makes one happy is, as Freud pointed out, "work and love."

Spiritual test

Let us continue this thought, perhaps with a kir this time, and Edith Piaf on a scratchy monaural record. (The scene is still black-and-white, though; it is nighttime.) If work and romance and friendship remain the constants of a lifetime, what was it that made me feel so much older than them? "Experience" would be the easy answer; but experience of what? Camus: "There is no pleasure in traveling. It is more an occasion for spiritual testing. If we understand by culture the exercise of our most intimate sense—that of eternity—then we travel for culture." The single most important word in that quote is "eternity": and the eternity that I see there is the one that is reflected in parallel mirrors, the resonances of all that I have sensed and understood in all these years.

For the students, their first taste of a fresh oyster ranged from a shuddering, vomit-inducing nightmare for some; to, for others, a pleasant surprise and a hunger for more: more oysters, more experiences of strange foods, more experiences. In France they serve the oysters still connected to the shell; they are alive, and shrink when poked or when lemon is squirted on them. You take your fork and sever the connection to the shell; at that moment, they die. A few grains of salt, a slight grinding of pepper. And then it is the taste of the sea, the memory of gorging on 24 oysters on holiday in Brittany, the memory of a woman who would swallow her oysters whole, and the sight of her closing her eyes as she did so; oh, and the feel of an oyster is like that of another tongue in your mouth (albeit a somewhat cold and flappy one), and the smell of an oyster has always reminded me of the scent that is to be found in the slightly sweaty creases behind a woman's knees, its salt brine that of sweat. Resonances; and the resonances thereof.

The point of study tours such as these is, ostensibly, a "cultural exchange." At its most trivial level, this boils down to our teaching them how to dance the *tinikling*, and them teaching us the lyrics of "Aux Champs-Elysees." At its most profound level it is "culture" as understood by Camus; it is being placed somewhere else, in an experience of being that is foreign (in the sense of different) and struggling to retain a sense of self in the process.

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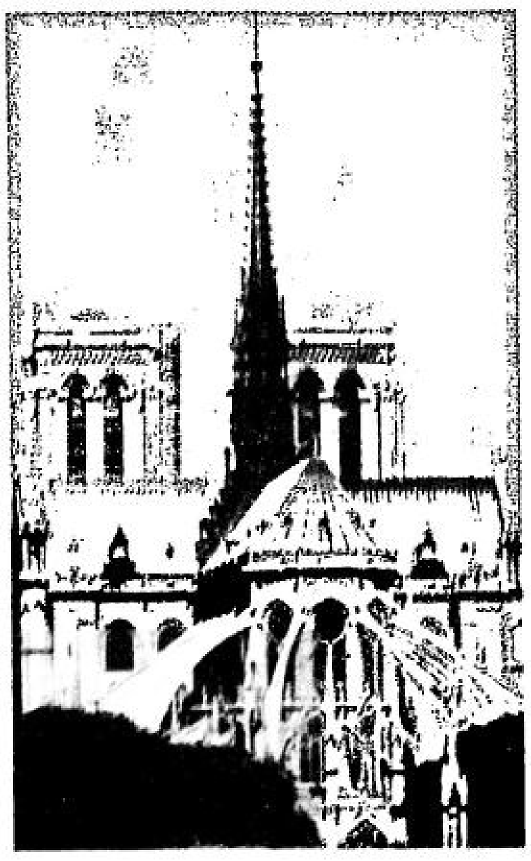

On both my first and my last days I did my favorite thing of all to do in Paris: I went to the Laduree tearooms (the original one on the rue Royale, not the new Jacques Garcia confection on the Champs-Elysees) and ate a pistachio macaroon with strong Ceylon tea (it's one of the few places in Paris where one can get a good pot of passable tea). I remembered the first time I was in Paris, and had been reading Rilke. I was still in that stage of intellectual development when I was prone to underlining passages in books and writing things like "How true!" in the margins. (Don't laugh; you did it, too.) In his novel, he exclaims: "At last, I am learning how to see!" "How true!" I wrote; and it was, indeed, for me. It was in Paris that I learned how to see, and once in a while, when I revisit it, I have to relearn how to see.

The crackling shell of the macaroon breaks open to reveal the pale green paste of almonds and pistachios and butter within. The delicate, chewy sweetness; a gulp of warm, strong tea. A Proustian moment. At last, I am remembering how to see. Now, back to the children outside. What's that big church over there? I have no idea, but if you look to the right, you will see Fauchon and Hediard; and to your left, Lucas-Carton, a restaurant with a long and checkered history…

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MRT rides are good but signs are very poor

THE CONSUMER

Marietta Velasco Giron

METRO Rail Transit management should install complaint boxes in every station to find out how passengers feel about their service. Although the advantages of riding the MRT are evidently appreciated by more people now, there's still a lot to be desired when it comes to passenger convenience.

First, the location of the signs indicating fare rates is bad enough. It's even worst when it comes to signboards informing passengers of directions. Because written directions are either lacking or confusing, a lot of passengers don't know where to go.

There are no points of reference for the approaching station. Most of the time, also, it is hard to understand what the driver is saying on the public address system. Moreover, you are likely to miss your stop if you happen to be far from the door because you cannot read the signboards.

A passenger who is used to riding railway transits abroad suggests the following: "In other countries, signboards are placed prominently above coach exits to indicate the names of three stations in big bold letters—previous stop, approaching and the next stop. That way, the passenger will know right away if he is approaching his stop or if he already missed it."

We received this comment from PDI reader James Lee (tigertron007@hotmail.com): "I commend the management of MRT for the smooth clean rides, no hustling and bustling in the terrible level that I see at LRT stations. My one complaint, however, is that the price of tickets for the MRT rides is posted right beside the ticket booth and is not visible to most of the passengers in the queue line. The management should have a billboard posted above the booth (similar to PNCC tollbooths on the expressways) for everyone to see. That way, passengers can prepare the exact fare and save time."

MRT regular passenger Joey G. of Geo-Logistics cargo forwarders warns holders of MRT prepaid electronic cards to handle the e-pass with care. He bought a P200 card and used it in the morning. He used it again in the evening, but when he used it at the exit gate, the card was rejected by the machine. He had no choice but to buy a full-priced ticket. The MRT clerks refused to change the card or refund the balance for the unused rides. Moral of the story: Handle e-card with utmost care.

On cell-site antennas

LAWYER Daniel Balaoing Valdez wrote us in connection with our recent item on cell sites and their effect on the health of nearby residents. He wrote: "Please provide us more information about the environmental hazards of cell [phone] sites. Certain members of St. Martin Subdivision [Mahogany Homes] Homeowners Association in Taguig and Alabang 400 Homeowners Association Cupang, Muntinlupa City are interested to know."

We will send some materials to Valdez by mail.

Meanwhile, here is a circular from Health Secretary Manuel M. Dayrit on the issue. We thank director Agnette Peralta of the Bureau of Health Devices and Technology (BHDT) for sending the circular to us.

"Present scientific knowledge does not prove that radiation from cellular phone transmitters could cause cancer.

"The latest evaluation done by the Department of Health-BHDT on the radiation safety of 2,659 cell sites [in the country] showed that the safe distances in front of these antennas range from 0.1 meter to 12.6 meters. These were installed on towers, roofs, ceilings or outer/inner walls of buildings or areas that are normally inaccessible to the public. It is unlikely that a person would be located in front of the antenna where the emission is concentrated.

"On-site measurements confirmed that the radio frequency radiation (RFR) levels at the calculated safe distance and beyond are either too low to be measured or way below the limits set by the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection.

"RFR of various frequencies surround us. It is used not only in telecommunications through cell phones, but also in radio and television broadcasting."

Dr. Dayrit explained further that if the intensity or power of the RFR is high enough to cause an increase in body temperature, it could possibly cause cataracts, burns, heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

"These will not happen if the person is at a safe distance from the antennas," Dr. Dayrit pointed out.

Contaminated food at restaurants

WE don't know yet what exactly caused the episodes of restaurant food contamination and poisoning sent to us by readers. However, on the advice of our legal counsel, we are not publishing the letters until we get a clear picture of each episode and hear both sides of the story.

For the meantime, we acknowledge the complaints sent to us by Mr. and Ms Bill Householder, Jeremy Tan, Sharleen Sy, T. Laurente, A.G. Lumanlan. The complaints ranged from "encounter with a roach," molds in burger bun, stale fish, roach leg in pizza and fish fillet from the floor.

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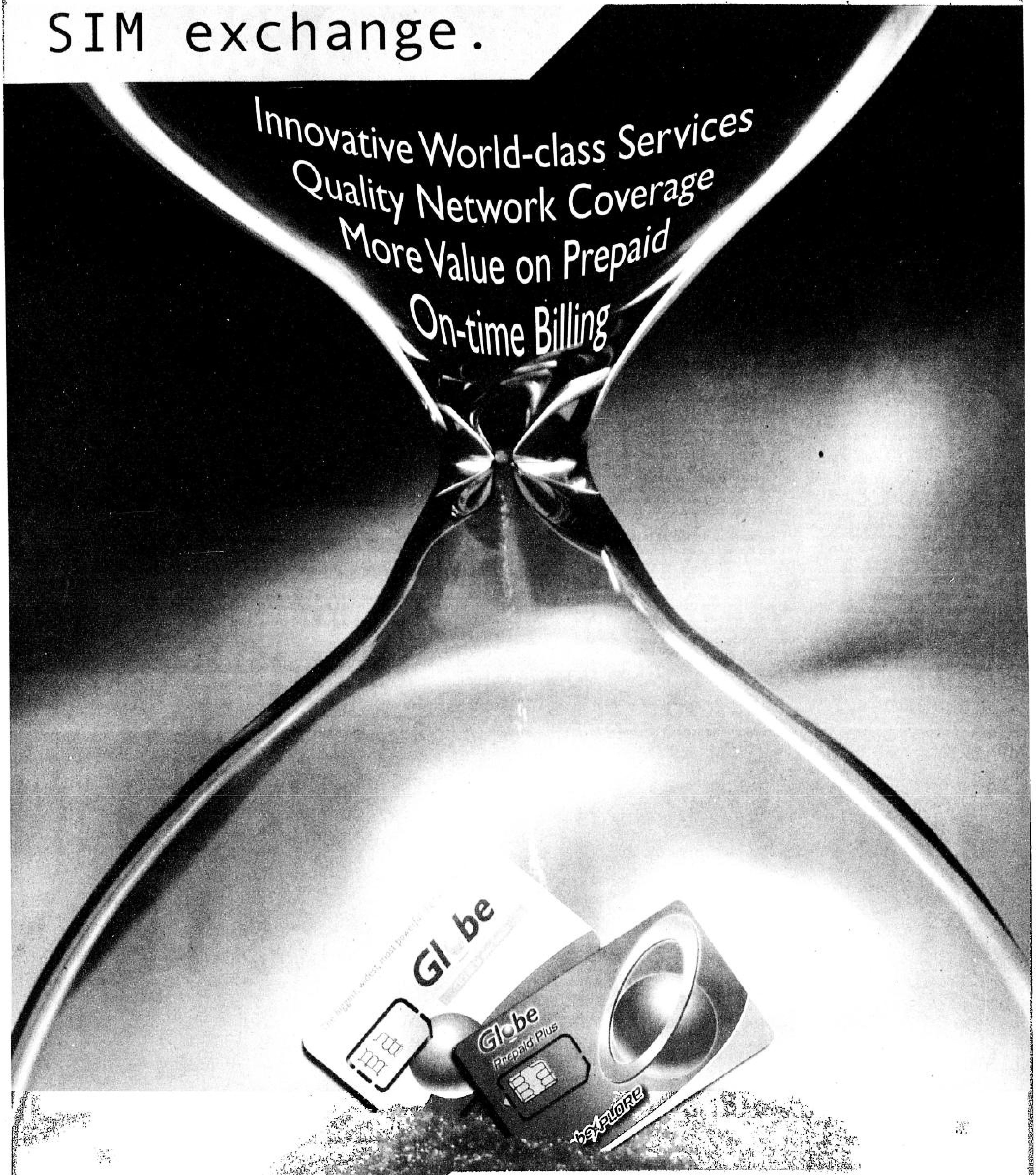
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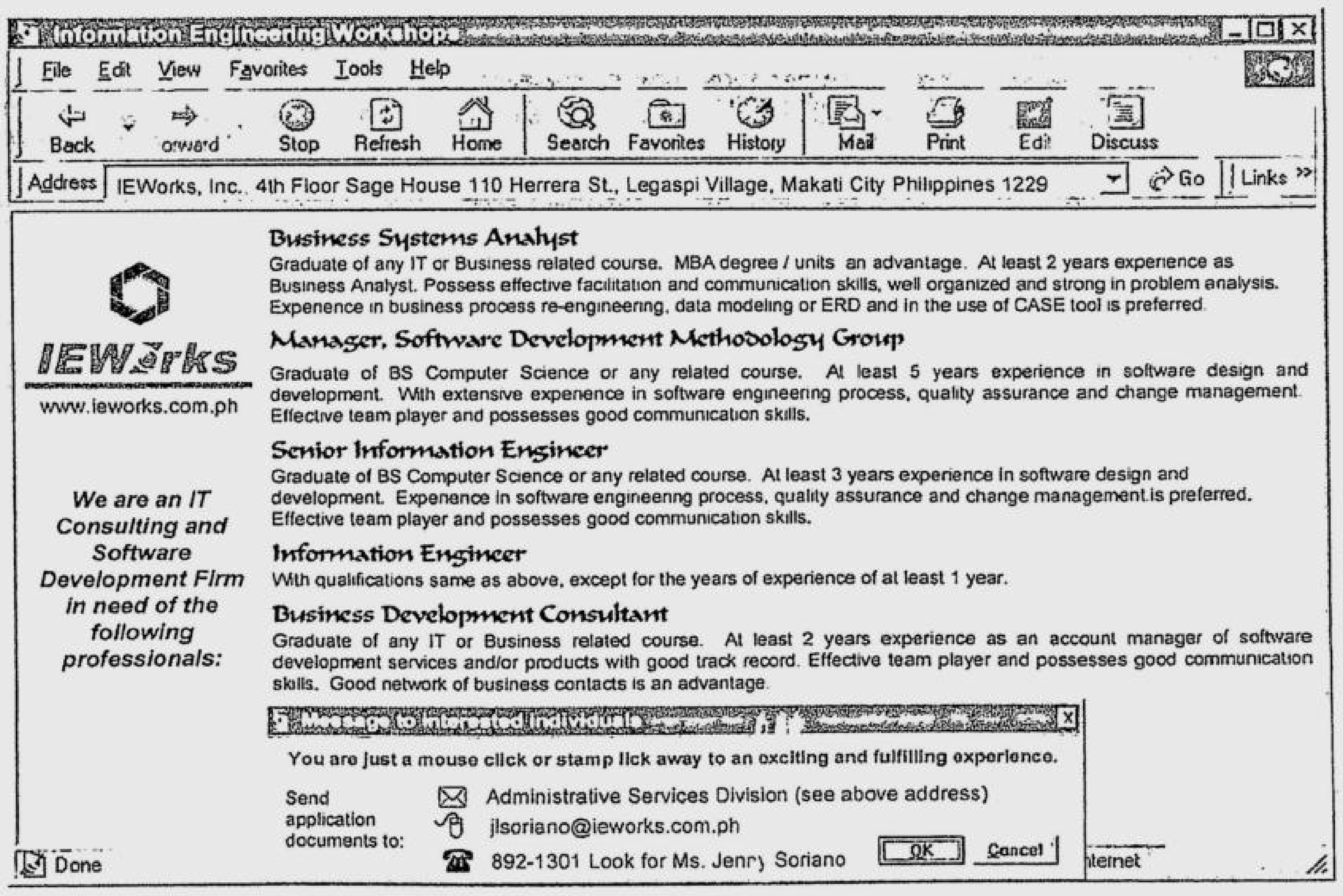

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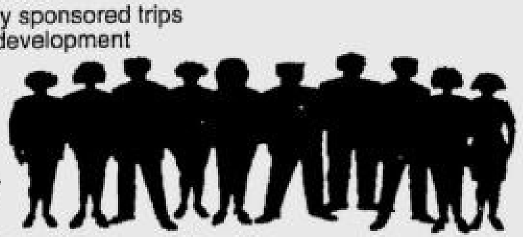

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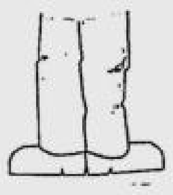

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GREAT FAITH

I just read your article about Lydia de Vega-Mercado (**SIM**, 15 April 2001) titled "After the Storm." I was touched by her story. I admire her faith in God. Even though her child was taken away from her, she didn't blame Him but she accepted it as His will. Not all people, especially mothers, can do that. Maybe others would want to see the wrongdoer dead also. But Lydia and her family have forgiven the person and they didn't even file any case. I'm not saying that criminals shouldn't be punished; they should be. But we must learn to forgive. If God can forgive, why can't we?

I also admire her because she finished her college degree and at the same time fulfilled her duties as mother and wife. I hope you continue to feature women of strength and faith, women who survived trials and are willing to go on with their lives.

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INSPIRING POETS

I'm very glad that the poetry section of **SIM** is now back as one of its regular sections, albeit with a new format. It's great to read good poetry from known and unknown poets. I hope that **SIM** will continue to publish poems and inspire the poets in us all. How about coming up with a collection of the best poems published in **SIM**? I'm sure many people, especially the poets, are looking forward to that.

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MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

I'm an employee at the City Budget Office City Hall in Tabaco City. I have just read the article about Mrs. Lydia de Vega-Mercado (**SIM**, 15 April 2001). It was a moving story and it stirred my heart. The reason why I took this effort to e-mail you is to find out about the Marriage Encounter they joined and attended in Tagaytay. In my case here in Bicol, it's impossible for me to know the location and place. I've long dreamed of joining this encounter with my husband. I'll be most grateful if you could furnish me the exact address and other things I should know about the Marriage Encounter.

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I read your **SIM** April 8, 2001 "Pinoy Connection" by Pennie Azarcon dela-Cruz, the article titled "A Crusade for Redress."

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Netizens
by Ruel S. De Vera

"Digital Tour" guides JC Gonzalez and Iya Yotoko are taking a walk on the wired side

Digital Duo

CROSSING OVER INTO NEW REALMS OF MEDIA IS NOTHING NEW TO JUAN CARLOS "JC" GONZALEZ AND ISABEL "IYA" YOTOKO. AS THE VERY TELEGENIC HOSTS OF "DIGITAL TOUR" (STUDIO 23, SUNDAYS, 10:30 P.M.), THEY ARE INTRODUCING MANY FILIPINO VIEWERS TO THE DIGITAL REVOLUTION.

Produced by broadcast vet David Celdran's Red Balloon Productions, "Digital Tour" brings the very latest in online science and gadgetry to our living rooms with a youthful vibe. JC and Iya are the perfect hosts because, as Iya notes, "We are the target market." She adds that she's "as techie as the regular joe" while JC says he's really into gadgets. Both are familiar faces with their formidable portfolios as commercial models. Ateneo alumnus JC, 24, is currently a host on the ABS-CBN News Channel morning show "Breakfast." Iya is a 30-year-old La Salle grad who is also partner and creative director of advertising/design/special events company Logika and doting mother to Luigi, 4. This dynamic tour into emerging technology is a thrilling one for the bright, bubbly team-up. "We're learning a lot more," Iya says of their gig, while JC is impressed by the speed of innovation: "It's amazing how fast it all changes." And they promise it'll be quite an illuminating ride for their viewers too. The technical tandem uploaded responses to queries silly and substantial from **SIM** through this eclectic email exchange.

SIM: What, in a zip, is "Digital Tour's" mission?
Iya: TO OBLITERATE THE OBSOLETE!
JC: We try to show how "Pinoy digital living" is evolving in a very simple, non-techie way of understanding technology and computers.
SIM: Why should the average Filipino TV viewer tune in to your show?
Iya: Because he may just pick up that one thing about technology that will change his life forever. TADADADAN! And that's why the average Filipino viewer MUST watch our show. I mean, it's a matter of life or death! Seriously. HALA!
SIM: How much time do you spend on the web everyday?
JC: About an hour.
SIM: When do you usually go online?
Iya: Anytime I'm free—which is usually between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.
JC: Usually just to check my mail or look up NBA scores, hehe. But I also use it a lot when I have to research on guests I have to interview for "Breakfast."
SIM: What email addy would describe you perfectly?
Iya: siiya@trebida.tipa
JC: jc@hotmale.com. Ha ha ha!
SIM: What is your favorite site on the web?
Iya: Sorry to have too many favorites—bluefly.com, amazon.com, ebay.com, vivianlives.com, wallpaper.com, e-2-door.com, homeoftheunderdogs.com, blah, blah, blah...
JC: The now defunct Napster is/was still my favorite site.
SIM: What is your favorite site on earth?
Iya: Now? The Skagit Tulip Valley.
JC: I haven't seen enough of it yet to answer that.
SIM: What is your favorite digital gadget?
Iya: My cellular phone. (Sorry to disappoint you but, isn't this THE most important gadget you wouldn't get stranded on an island without? But wait! What am I saying? With my luck, they probably won't have cell sites on the island anyway.)
JC: The Sony Network Walkman. It's as small as a lighter and can play up to two hours worth of MP3 files and it's skip-free, so it's great to bring around.
SIM: What is your favorite analog possession?
Iya: Now? My Bobbi Brown make-up bag and everything in it.
JC: We've got a turntable in our *sala* that still plays records. It's great because those Beatles tracks sound more authentic with all the pops and scratches.
SIM: What is your favorite food or beverage for getting all wired up for the day?
Iya: Japanese Green Toasted Rice Tea. Food? *Kanin din*, with anything yummy on it.
JC: *Kornik*, popcorn, or anything to nibble on.
SIM: Are you afraid of real mice?
Iya: OF COURSE I AM!!!! And I hate cats even more!
JC: Not at all. I kept the mouse we used when I shot my first episode. I wanted Tom (that was his name) to sort of serve as like some kind of symbol, you know, for sentimental value because he was part of my start with the show. Unfortunately he died the next morning. Tom, may you rest in peace.
SIM: What's the thing you love most about the Internet?
Iya: The magnitude of accessible information.
JC: The fact that I don't have to leave my desk for all the research that I have to do.
SIM: Conversely, what do you hate most about it?
Iya: Its semi-predictable nature. No matter how infinite the Internet seems, it still doesn't fascinate me quite the same way the human mind does.
JC: W.A.P. It sucks. It's too slow.
SIM: To Counterstrike or not to Counterstrike?
Iya: Hey, whatever saves your world...
JC: I refuse to jump on that bandwagon because I'm afraid I might get hooked, too.
SIM: How much has the Internet and digital technology personally changed your lives?
Iya: In so many, many wonderful ways. The funny thing is how these digital ways grow on you like second skin. At the rate things are moving, I feel I must keep learning. This entire digital revolution has a threatening Darwinian thing about it. If you don't keep up, you may just fade away.
JC: It makes life simple, and my bank account even simpler.
SIM: Is the Filipino truly ready to be wired?
Iya: Yes. And he more than deserves to be.

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Roger Carpio

Rhoda's loving touch helps this gentle reticulated python

"HELLO, BABY!" DR. RHODA C. DE VEYRA COOS AT THE TINY MONKEY IN A SMALL CAGE RIGHT BESIDE THE DOOR OF HER OFFICE. "SHE'S OUR LITTLE BABY HERE." AS IF IN CONFIRMATION, MAY, THE BRIGHT-EYED BABY MONKEY, HOLDS ON TO RHODA'S FINGER AND WON'T LET GO. "SHE CRIES WHENEVER IT'S TIME FOR THE STAFF TO GO HOME."

If Rhoda is being particularly maternal to a baby of a different species, it's because the veterinarian has had some practice. Rhoda is in charge of the Wildlife Rescue Center, a haven for animals saved from populated places, illegal smuggling, and general neglect and abuse, that sits inside the Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife Nature Center in Quezon City.

The center is directly under the jurisdiction of the Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau (PAWB) of the Department of the Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). "The rescue center was a mini zoo in the late '60s," explains Rhoda. In the early '80s, however, the Philippines became a signatory to the Convention on the International Trade of Endangered Species (CITES) of the worldwide International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN), which mandates that each signatory nation must have a holding facility for confiscated and donated wildlife. Animals are confiscated when they are endangered species, because their trade is strictly prohibited.

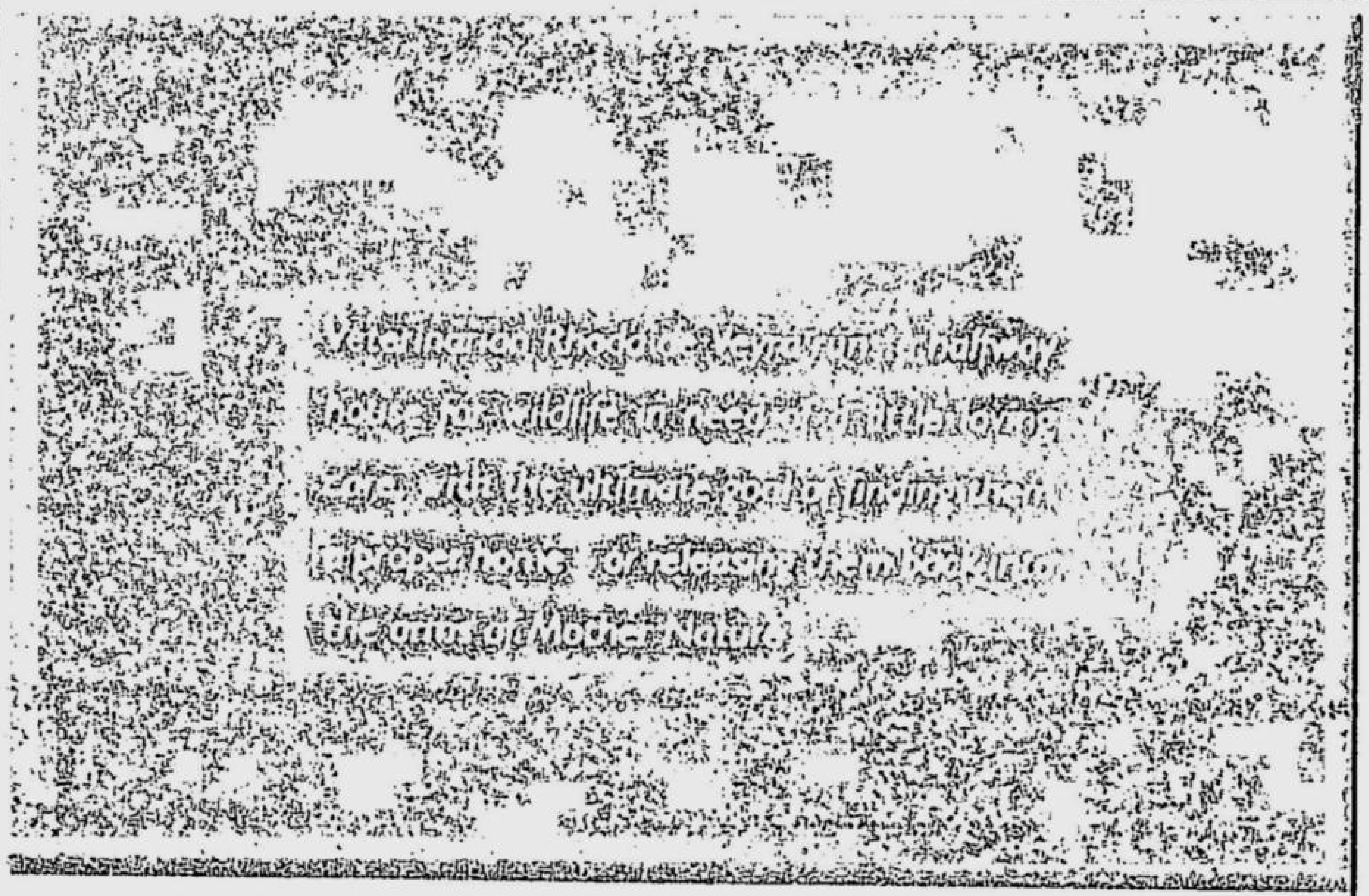
Thus, Rhoda runs the facility on .7 hectares of green space in the park, which is open to the public. Under her is a staff of 20, including vets and caretakers, and, as of last count, some 1,100 animals in various cages and holding tanks, from the familiar Philippine eagles and herons to more exotic creatures like Galapagos turtles, huge Burmese pythons and silver foxes.

Rhoda claims she doesn't do any actual rescuing, although the center responds to phone calls and retrieves animals reported to be in danger or on the loose. "There's a pretty high awareness of us, because many people do call." There's an actual wildlife monitoring team to do the surveillance and confiscation headed by Ernesto Malimban. Once confiscated or received, however, the animal goes straight into Rhoda's loving arms. In other cases, Rhoda instructs people on the phone on how to catch the animal and bring them over.

"By the time they get here, most are okay, at times stressed out or infected, and we get them into shape," Rhoda says. That means caring for the animals on a 24-hour basis, conducting tests to ensure that none of them are disease carriers, and feeding them on a rather measly budget of P4,500 a day. "Contrary to what people think, we don't feed them *tira* or seconds or rotten food. We buy their food fresh."

The eventual goal is for the animals to find homes through the center's disposition program, which allows them to be given or lent to public institutions for people to appreciate. "Not private collections, because there's no conservation purpose in that," Rhoda stresses. She makes no judgment on rich individuals who import exotic animals from their natural milieu and turn them into pets, although she doesn't see the point. "Well, maybe they've got the money to burn."

The most ideal scenario, however, is to have the animals released back into their natural habitat – but first, Rhoda has to rehabilitate them. A first effort is in progress with 15 eagles that were brought



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to the big aviary on Corregidor Island in February 2000, to be set free any time soon. "They got so used to small cages, it's taking time for them to learn how to fly. We have to acclimatize them again to the wild and simulate their natural environment so they know how to fend for themselves."

Surprisingly, although she loves animals, this petite, spunky scientist, who first went to school in Baguio, never grew up with a pet of her own. "I just used to watch animal shows and read about them." When studying to be a "human doctor" proved too costly, she opted to become a veterinarian instead, graduating in 1986 from the University of the Philippines. A milestone in her work experience has been the 13 years she spent with the DENR's renowned Pawikan Conservation Project (PCP), which saw the young wife and mother spending as long as three months away from her family in the remote Turtle Islands. It was a labor of love for Rhoda, who would sometimes go for months without pay because of the project's budgetary constraints. Still, "I liked that job," she grins. It involved more research and management work than veterinary practice, but Rhoda's studies are among the most definitive data available today on the turtle conservation project in this country. Also, there are psychic rewards; Rhoda beams when she remembers how one of her kids proudly dragged his mom to class in a kind of show-and-tell to talk about her work.

Rhoda moved to the Rescue Center last year, after applying for a permanent position. Today, she keeps more normal working hours, and gets to spend time with her "human doctor" husband and three kids, aged 11 to 14. "They share my love for animals, and my youngest son comes here sometimes to pet the animals and help take care of them." In fact, the family now has its own pets, including aquarium fish and some red-eared turtles. "Those are legal, ha!" Rhoda points out.

Rhoda believes that there is much more that can be done for Philippine wildlife, the foremost being the beefing up of laws against commercial trade of endangered species. "Right now, the penalties are pathetic," she observes. In the meantime, for laymen out there, if you see eagles, myna birds, rare parrots, sailfin lizards and reticulated pythons in pet shops or on the roadsides, you know they're being illegally sold. The same goes for sharks and rare corals, but that's the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR).

As a government institution, the Rescue Center cannot receive cash donations, but Rhoda does have a wish list of goods that can be donated, including antibiotics and antibiotic sprays, a pressure washer for cleaning, welded wires and steel matting for cages, sand for construction, and an office scanner. "We could use cages, but please contact us for specifications," she requests.

Although some animals have been at the center for as long as eight years, Rhoda sees the place as a halfway house for animals that should eventually return to the arms of Mother Nature. "We can just help a little, but wild animals can certainly take care of themselves."

The Wildlife Rescue Center at the Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife Center on North Avenue, Quezon City is open to the public from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays to Sundays. Contact the Rescue Center at 9267132 and 9246031.

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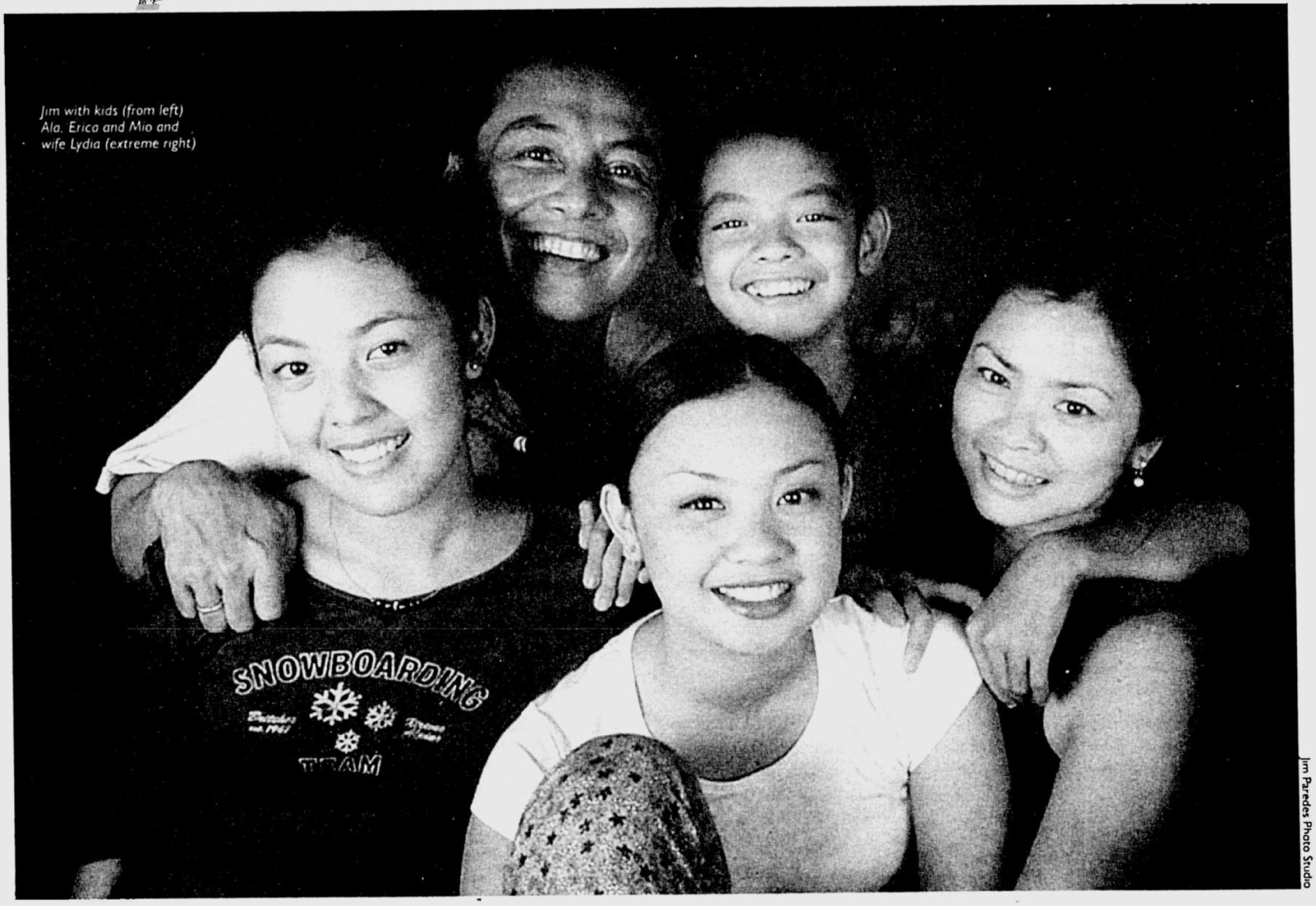

Jim with kids (from left) Ala, Erica and Mio and wife Lydia (extreme right)

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IF THE WORD "FATHER" WAS NEVER INVENTED, THEN MARRIED MALES WHO HAVE CHILDREN WOULD HAVE TO BE CALLED MANY THINGS — PROVIDER, MAN OF THE HOUSE, AUTHORITY, THE LAST WORD (OR THE SECOND-TO-THE-LAST WORD IF MOM IS AROUND), DRIVER, TEACHER, PROTECTOR, CAPTAIN OF THE SHIP, FRIEND, DISCIPLINARIAN, SOMEONE'S OLD MAN, ETC.

I hardly remember my own dad, who died in a plane crash when I was six. Because of that, I had to imagine a father that I could emulate when I became one. My concept of what a dad should be was a combination of role models I had assembled together—a sort of composite dad. There were my older brothers, some male teachers and Jesuit priests in high school, my stepdad, a smattering of father roles I saw in movies and TV, my macho mom and my dad's towering reputation, which made for a tough act for me to follow. Regardless, one of the things I learned right away was that role models could only take you about five percent of the way. The other 95 percent demanded you think on your toes and, oh yes, be present as much as you can.

One of the things I had decided very early on as a father was to be an active one. Which means that aside from the job description written above, I had to take on new tasks. I take credit for teaching my kids their 123s, ABCs and their love for poetry and everything about the written word. I also have spent countless hours helping them with their homework and projects in school and reviewing them for their tests. One of the things I noticed about being an active dad is this: I get to go through school as many times as the children I have **plus** my own schooling. Thus, I think I have become an expert in grade school with the higher levels to follow soon.

Parenting these days is hardly what it was like when I was a kid. As

A child of the '70s ponders the nuances of being a contemporary father, and how there's always a thin line between striving to protect one's children — and giving them the freedom to grow into their own persons

children then, we were often seen and sometimes heard. And that was already an improvement from the generation that came before mine. But we earned the right to be heard when we turned into hippies and radicals, tried drugs, and espoused making love and not war while seeking to destroy the established political and social order. And because we pushed the envelope, we naturally gave our children the rights we had won from our parents. At least I did.

But being a child of the '70s then, and now a contemporary father, can be exasperating. While I took pride growing up and "breaking the rules" in terms of taste in clothes, fashion, music, etc., I shudder that my kids and their friends follow slavishly the dictates of fashion houses and name brands when it comes to what they should wear and how they should smell. I point out to my kids often enough that their parents' generation was actually more hip than they are, and they shake their heads and mutter how "unhip" I am for even talking about being hip.

One of my issues with them and this generation is MTV. During my time, we listened to music and personalized it with our imagination. These days, I feel the kids are reduced to mere consumers of music since they get everything already "processed." I find insidious the fact that so much music is made with sales reports in mind and "interpreted" with video. The natural expression of teenage rebellion has been "franchised" and exploited by big business. There seems to be no room for greatness like the Beatles. Only boy bands and bimbos. Not only has video killed the radio star, as the song goes, but the imagination as well.

On occasion, I make it a point to watch TV with them. Like most parents, I worry about the kind of world they live in. I have a problem leaving the kids alone with the TV because of all the casual sex, drugs and soul-killing commercialism that is being peddled as entertainment aimed at them. So, I occasionally sit and watch with them, open to discussion when I feel the need to. This way, I pass on the important value of questioning and not just accepting whatever they see as being "OK." It is, I hope, a step in the right direction in teaching discernment.

When my eldest, Erica, started to show interest in boys and parties, my wife Lydia and I jointly gave her **the** talk about the "birds and bees." Instead of the usual don't-do-this-and-that approach, we took what we felt was a more realistic tact. After all, we as young people then never really went for a lot of the scare tactics, like suffering hellfire and all that.

We compared the attraction and power of sex to owning a horse. If the horse is trained, it will take you to where you want to go. If it is not, then it can run loose and wild and will take you where you may not want to be in the first place. Which means that when it comes to situations with the opposite sex (especially for girls), if one is not in control, one is potentially a victim. And so, restraint and mature behavior are important.

Impressing upon young people (who seem innocently childish one moment but can become raging hormonal teens the next) that certain activities can get them compromised for the rest of their lives (such as getting raped, pregnant, HIV, etc.) is crucial. There are such things as consequences. I am proud of how we handled this sex talk with Erica. We did the same with Ala. We made them feel important by treating them as young adults. And they have returned the compliment by behaving as such.

As a dad, I have always encouraged my children to have opinions and to express them with gusto. And dinnertime has, through the years, become the opportunity for this. This is the time and place where we enjoy endless, unrestrained, magical moments discussing everything – sex, dating, relatives, jokes, school, books, hobbies, politics, you name it. This simple act of allowing them to say anything with nary a judgment or admonition from parents, I believe, has done more to keep them off drugs and crime than any overtly preventive rules I have put up. After all, if they can say what they want (raising voices included), then there's no need for them to resort to other attention-getting devices just so we listen.

And just as I accord them patience and respect when I listen attentively, they reciprocate the gesture when I need to be heard. And this is truly precious. I am thrilled no end when my kids bring home friends to talk to Lydia and me because they need to be taken seriously by adults they can trust.

We pray occasionally, and go to Mass most Sundays. But we are, by no means, unquestioning Catholics. Erica and Ala many times have asked us questions of faith they would not dare voice out when they were studying under nuns. I try to answer them as best I can and do not enforce blind acceptance when there seems to be no explanation. I even grant the possibility that the church could be wrong in many issues of the day as it was many times in its history.

I see all this questioning as healthy. After all, Jesus was a politically incorrect guy who was not exactly a friend of the status quo. And contrary to how most religions see it, I do not see any good in encouraging guilt. I feel that people in general get more than enough of it on their own to deal with for a great part of their lives. They don't need their parents to add more. Instead, a generous dose of understanding, compassion, being present and role modeling will hopefully guide them to right actions that would make Christ and Buddha proud. Tolerance, if not openness to other faiths and creeds, is a virtue that I try to instill in them. Maybe, it helps that they see me doing something esoteric like Zen meditations. Erica, Ala and Mio do us proud when they point out on their own what they perceive as an excess of fundamentalist thinking.

While a father's role, I believe, is all about the support, care and nurturing of his children, the act of doing these can bring him face to face with aspects of himself. As a nervous first-time dad, I spent most time with Erica teaching, guiding, disciplining in accordance with what I felt then was the way to raise "good children." But by the sheer strength of her personality, I had become her student as she, in turn, taught me patience, understanding and letting go of so much misplaced rigidity.

Though Ala is the sensitive, artistic one who does not seem to demand as much attention, she can draw from me an attentiveness to her emotional depth, profound wisdom and her delightful openness and absurdity.

Mio is the boy. More than the two siblings, he seems the most vulnerable, probably because he is the youngest and as of now, the smallest. And so I am his protector against his bullying elders, his tutor and cheerleader and his guide through his male rights of passage. He draws out my boyish playfulness, my frisky "boy" energy that makes me play and laugh with glee.

I have impressed upon my family that money may not constantly be available in the amounts that we may wish for. Thus, I always encourage them to be thrifty and wise with money. I have also taken pains to impress upon them that, especially with money, one must be totally trustworthy and accountable, whatever the amounts involved. While my children's financial habits have different levels of maintenance, Lydia and I encourage them to live within their allowance, though often with little success.

I remember one of the last conversations I had with my mother before she slipped into a coma, where I told her that I now wished to relate to her as an adult – not as the dutiful, parent-pleasing child I had always been. And that I also wished she would stop playing "mother" to her now grown-up son.

I treasure that moment when we engaged in open, casual conversation as two loving people do without the restrictive role-playing that a mother-son destiny had imposed on us all our lives. It was truly liberating and magical as we exchanged feelings, wishes, dreams, stories, green jokes even. I will never forget that moment when we transcended our traditional relationship and became two independent, loving souls.

Khalil Gibran once wrote that our children are not ours. They merely pass through us. I honor my mother for allowing me to outgrow her and come into my own.

That I am able to do that – **that** is my greatest wish for Erica, Ala and Mio.

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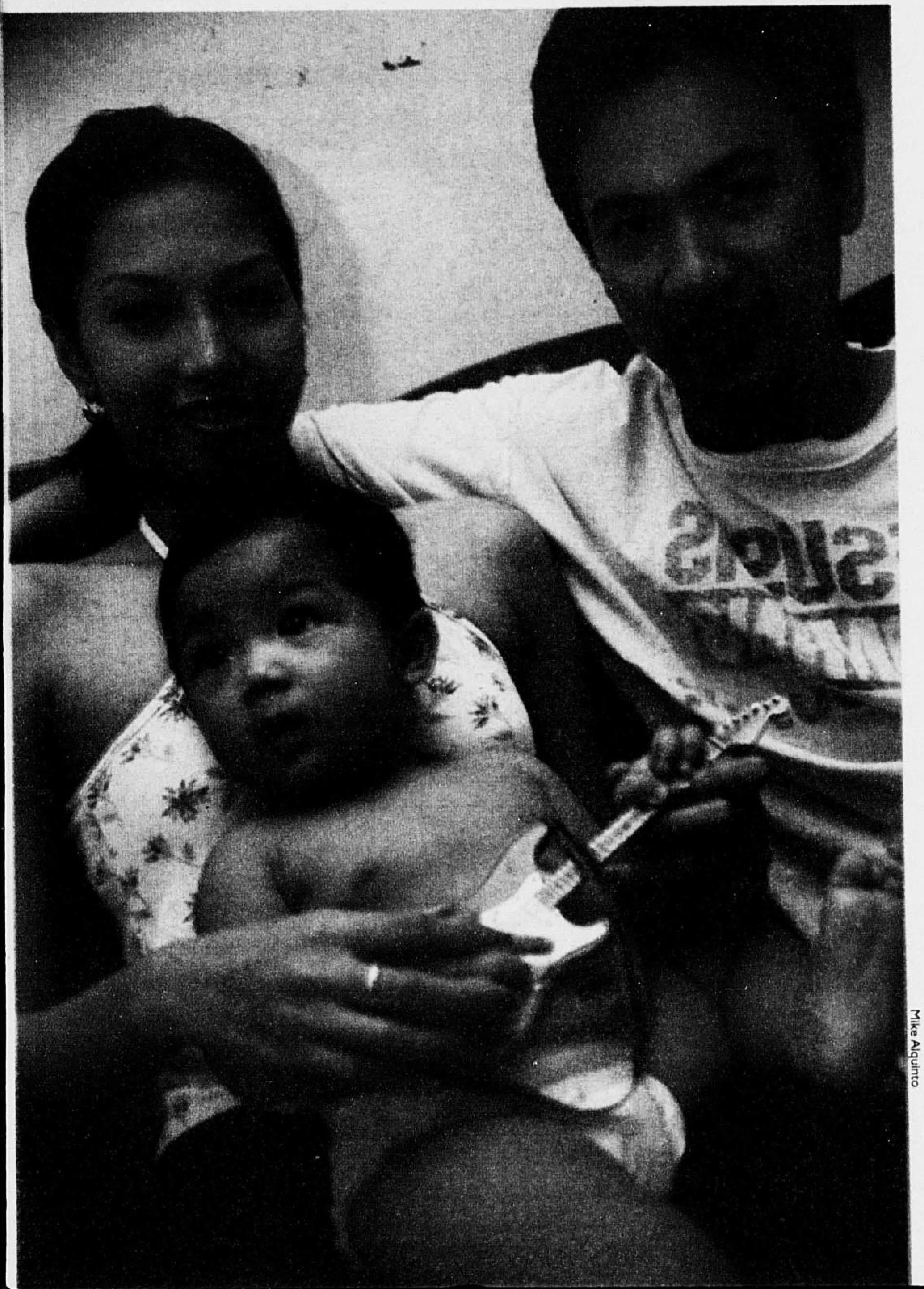

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"*At na*-eliminate *na rin ang hangin sa loob kaya wala nang kabag* (And you eliminate the air inside so there's no gas pain)," he adds.

As if to demonstrate, little Eon — now a roly-poly nine months old — is sucking blissfully on one in his blue stroller, dreaming baby dreams. Upstairs his mother Diane, now back to her normal svelteness, is resting, leaving father and son to spend some quality time together.

We are in the same living room in Ely's UP Village apartment where, six years before, I first interviewed the band at the height of Eraserheads mania. The 'Heads had just released their second album "Circus" to universal raves, and the apartment was party central. A couple of bandmates and friends were sharing the place, and the floor was littered with Nintendo cartridges, cassettes, guitars and magazines. Then in their flannel-shirted Pinoy slacker incarnation, the 'Heads still seemed dazed by their runaway success. They had no inkling that their peak, which would come with the next album "Cutterpillow," was still around the bend.

The Beatles posters are still on the wall, but a measure of domesticity has settled on the Buendia household. The only sounds are of the *yaya* — heaven-sent — puttering around in the kitchen, and Ely, now 30, has time to reflect on the changes that fatherhood has wrought.

"*Masaya siya*," he says. "*Siyempre, magko*-concentrate *ka na sa* responsibility *mo*—the usual stuff. *Imbis na isipin mo ang sarili mo, iisipin mo na lang na may isang taong* helpless *talaga at nasa kamay mo ang buhay niya* (Instead of thinking only of yourself, you just think that there is one really helpless person whose life is in your hands)."

Ely and Diane have gone through the rites of passage all young parents undergo: woozy half-asleep 3 a.m. feedings, endless diaper changes, teething, the fearfulness and worry of the first major illness.

Little Eon, son of Eraserhead Ely Buendia, has given more meaning to his father's life at a time when the Pinoy superband is at a crossroads in its musical journey. In the meantime, for Ely, there are diapers to change

Ely the music man in his sanctuary last year

The superband, carefree and rising, circa 1996

"*Naapektuhan din ako* physically," says Ely. "*Nagbubuhat ka, minsan hindi ka na nakakakain. Medyo mas* lean *ako ngayon* (I've been affected physically. You lift things, sometimes you can't eat)."

Buendia has also had time to reflect on his own childhood, and his relationship with his father.

"Cool *naman ang tatay ko,* we just didn't agree on many things," says Ely, who is second in a brood of four. His father, an accountant, was a strict disciplinarian. "*Mahilig mag*-sermon.

"I'm the same age my father was when I was born," he reflects. "*Naisip ko: mas* responsible *nga ba siya kaysa akin? Na*-realize *ko na oo nga, mas* responsible *siya*. At that time *may bahay na siyang sarili* (he had his own house), *may* steady job *na siya*."

Ely laughs when I ask him if being an Eraserhead could be considered a steady job.

"No," he says. "*Hindi siya* steady."

In a sense, it's as if the E'heads' rock-star status at the height of their popularity allowed them to postpone adulthood for a prolonged adolescence, and now that things have quieted down, it is fast catching up with them. Drummer Raymund Marasigan became a father five months before Eon was born, and bassist Buddy Zabala is expecting his first child with long-time partner Ernest a few months from now. Even lead guitarist Marcus Adoro, who recently became tabloid fodder with the threat of a lawsuit by his allegedly underage girlfriend's mother, has settled down to a measure of relative stability.

The irony is, pushing 30, the 'Heads are making some of their best music. Live, the band once legendary for sloppy playing are now a tight, professional unit. They rock.

Too bad the crowds aren't there anymore. But Ely is unfazed.

"*Ito ang pinakagusto ko sa mga* album *namin* (I like this best among our albums)," he says of "Carbonstereoxide." "Concentrated *kasi ang* efforts *namin*. The best elements of everything we learned, *lumabas dito*."

Buendia admits that for the past few albums, the 'Heads have lacked focus, with various side projects—Marasigan's Sandwich, Adoro's Flaming Katols and Zabala's session and production work for, among others, Asin—drawing energy away from the band.

"We could have done another 'Cutterpillow' that would have been even more popular," he says. "But after I saw 20,000-plus people at the Sunken Garden, *naisip ko, 'Paano pa natin masusundan 'yon?'* Obvious *na 'yun ang gusto ng masa, 'yung ganoong tunog. Siyempre, kung ano ang gusto, 'yun ang hindi namin ginawa* (How do you follow up something like that? Obviously that's what the masses want, that sound, and of course that's not what we did)."

The 'Heads instead retreated into the experimentalism of "Fruitcake" and "Aloha Milkyway," and the crowds started thinning out. The multi-platinum sales became a distant memory and the royalty checks started shrinking. By the turn of the millennium, the 'Heads were just one of the many local bands who had to perform to pay the bills. A bit better off than most, admittedly, but by no means on Easy Street. Last year, Buendia released his first solo effort, "Wanted Bedspacer," which found him experimenting with electronics and studio effects, but audiences failed to pick up on it.

"By 'Natin99' *medyo na*-burnout *na ako. Hindi ko na alam ang direksyon.* (I didn't know our direction anymore). *Na* cut-off *ako sa* roots *namin, at na*-realize *ko na mas gusto ko ang* stripped-down sound *namin*."

In a sense, "Carbonstereoxide" is a back-to-basics record, a band album. The 'Heads may have finally paid their dues, at last. The first single, *"Maskara,"* is on rotation on radio and MTV, and Buendia thinks it is the band's most successful single since "Cutterpillow" days. The video, in fact, was co-produced by Buendia with young filmmaker Marie Jamora. The experience of making the video has encouraged him to look at a possible second career in films. He is reportedly writing the script to what could be his first feature film.

"The nice thing is, I don't have to start from the bottom," he says. "*Medyo may* clout *na ako*."

Just then, Eon lets out a wail. Reality check. Mother and *yaya* appear in a snap. Ely picks up his son, who soon starts cooing contentedly.

"*Kung minsan* bratty *siya talaga*," he says. "*Nakakatuwa din na kahit ganoon siyang kaliit, may sariling* personality *na siya* (It's nice that even while he's this small, he already has a personality)."

Eon likes going to Eraserheads concerts, and was frequently in the studio while the band was recording the last album. He responds to beats, which Ely attributes to the number of raves he and Diane went to when she was pregnant. When his father is playing the electric guitar, Eon drops whatever he is doing and rushes to play with the instrument. The "Blue Danube" waltz puts him right to sleep. And he has his very own little red Fender Stratocaster to play with.

Hmmm.

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52	91,320	182,640	273,960	365,280	456,600	913,200	1,826,400
53	87,240	174,480	261,720	348,960	436,200	872,400	1,744,800
54	80,440	160,880	241,320	321,760	402,200	804,400	1,608,800
55	76,560	153,120	229,680	306,240	382,800	765,600	1,531,200
56	72,600	145,200	217,800	290,400	363,000	726,000	1,452,000
57	68,600	137,200	205,800	274,400	343,000	686,000	1,372,000
58	64,720	129,440	194,160	258,880	323,600	647,200	1,294,400
59	61,000	122,000	183,000	244,000	305,000	610,000	1,220,000
60	57,360	114,720	172,080	229,440	286,800	573,600	1,147,200
61	53,880	107,760	161,640	215,520	269,400	538,800	1,077,600
62	50,600	101,200	151,800	202,400	253,000	506,000	1,012,000
63	47,520	95,040	142,560	190,080	237,600	475,200	950,400
64	44,360	88,720	133,080	177,440	221,800	443,600	887,200
65	41,640	83,280	124,920	166,560	208,200	416,400	832,800
66	39,080	78,160	117,240	156,320	195,400	390,800	781,600
67	36,720	73,440	110,160	146,880	183,600	367,200	734,400
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55	227,163	527,617
56	227,474	525,349
57	227,167	521,350
58	226,705	516,649
59	226,053	511,064
60	224,648	503,358
61	222,970	494,782
62	220,738	485,064
63	218,275	474,829
64	214,095	461,485
65	210,437	449,730
66	202,693	429,717
67	135,743	291,822
68	129,158	275,187
69	122,507	258,336
70	115,692	240,956

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The Word

by Fr. Ruben J. Villote

Forgiving the Church

Perhaps I did not know how it feels to be hungry, homeless, rejected and ridiculed. Perhaps I felt so secure in my comfort zone, scared to look in the face of Puroy

PUROY, SON OF JOSENG KABISÉ, FEATURED IN THE STORY OF ERIC GUTIERREZ PUBLISHED IN THIS COLUMN TWO SUNDAYS AGO, MIGHT HAVE BEEN AMONG THE POOREST OF THE POOR WHO "DESECRATED" THE EDSA SHRINE ON MAY 1. EMILY LANDI, BERTONG TATTOO, TANLENG KULANE, OGING POGI – ALL CHARACTERS IN ERIC'S STORY AND PRESUMABLY LIVING WITNESSES OF THE DAY-TO-DAY PASSION AND DEATH OF PUROY IN HIS VIA CRUCIS FROM THAT KAMUNING SQUATTER SHACK OF HIS BOYHOOD TO THE *MARTSA NG MASA* ALONG MENDIOLA, LEADING TO THE BLOODY STORMING OF MALACAÑANG.

I cannot help adding to Eric's cast the names of people I met in my various missions to the poor: Dan Bukol, Bugoy Siga, Teban Toxic, Viring Mali-Mali, Betty Bikini, Lolang Kalbo and other *"maralitang tagalunsod"* who also might have been among the "desecrators" of the Edsa Shrine. In my book, they are the "children of the Kingdom." Let me explain.

Jean Vanier, founder of L'Arche and the Faith and Light communities, tells us why the triumphalist Christians and churchmen feel uncomfortable, even angry, when confronted by the likes of Puroy and the rest of the temple "desecrators." In his book, "Jesus, the Gift of Life," Vanier says:

"Jesus came to announce something new, difficult to understand – not an external kingdom with a visible, powerful king surrounded by competent ministers and rulers, but a Kingdom visible only to the eyes of the heart and faith… This Kingdom is not for those who are big and mighty, closed in on their knowledge and power, but for those who are like children with the simplicity, trust and openness of children. The Son of Man will then return upon the clouds responding to the deep cry of humanity. Jesus will appear through the terrifying cracks of our broken, chaotic world… He is present here and now, not in palaces, (temples) and museums, but in the hearts of the poor and the lowly, in those who are like little children… in unexpected places of suffering and pain, in persons and slums, in the sinners and the untouchables of our times. He is in all those who are nameless, naked, condemned and crucified today."

One day, these "children of the Kingdom" passed by a Temple searching for a place to cry, shout out, and let go of whatever had been buried deep in their hearts for years and years — pain, denial, anger, supplication, hope, faith, caring — but did not know how. They simply never had the finesse to do what they had to do in a polite and acceptable way. They left the Temple looking very much like the hovels and wastelands they had been used to, all their lives.

And the Temple hierarchs called it "desecration." And the "children of the Kingdom," feeling more insulted and diminished, moved on, still nameless, still in pain, unshepherded and inconsolable. They had vanished in the anonymous crowd, crying in their hearts, "Abba, Father!"

We must immediately make reparation, not for the "desecration" of the Temple, but for the Temple's inadequacy to reclaim the "children of the Kingdom," and to make an official act of contrition for our sins of omission against the poor of God.

As I write this in my journal, I feel convicted by the Word for the times I have treated, especially the obnoxiously persistent poor, in a cavalier and unfeeling manner without stopping to think that their obnoxious behavior might actually be a cry for help. Perhaps the reason is that I was scared of getting involved personally in their suffering. Perhaps I could not "get inside them" to enable me "to see as they see, think as they think, and feel as they feel" what dark and painful realities they must confront and wrestle with.

I was concerned only of my own prejudices and feelings based merely on my own situation, which was far removed from theirs. Perhaps I did not know how it feels to be hungry, homeless, rejected and ridiculed. Perhaps I did not know what it is to be without honor, without power, and without transportation and food money for the day. Perhaps I felt so secure in my comfort zone, scared to look in the faces of Puroy, Dan Bukol and Bertong Tattoo. I'd rather send my staff to deal professionally and without tenderness, with the poor at the gate, or if I must meet them in church, I'd look the other way to avoid their gaze. I ask Jesus, the Good Shepherd, for the gift of mercy (or the guts to go inside the skin of the poor) so I can look into their eyes again without feeling superior, and without fear or guilt.

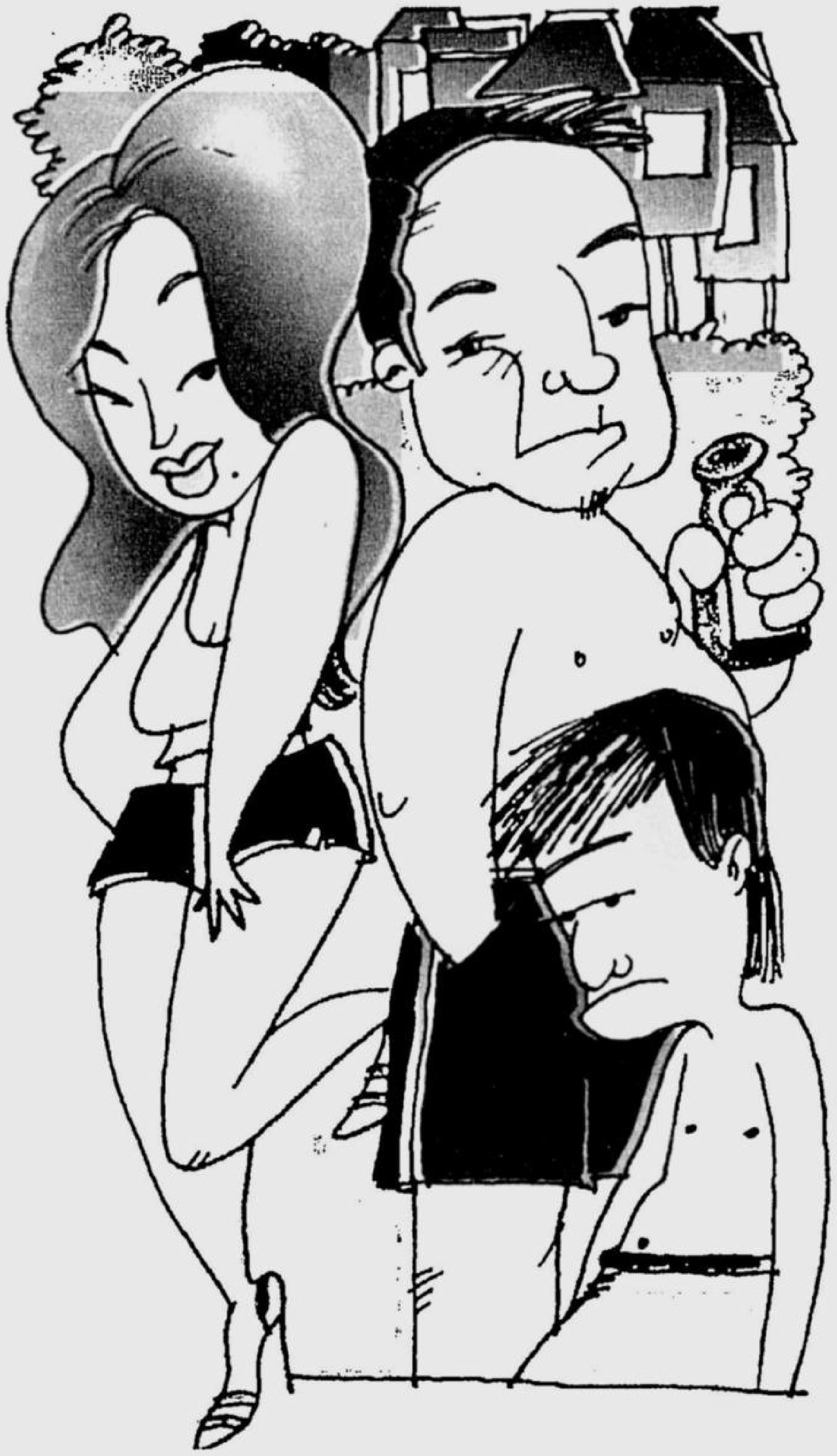


Illustration by STEPH BRAVO

This Week

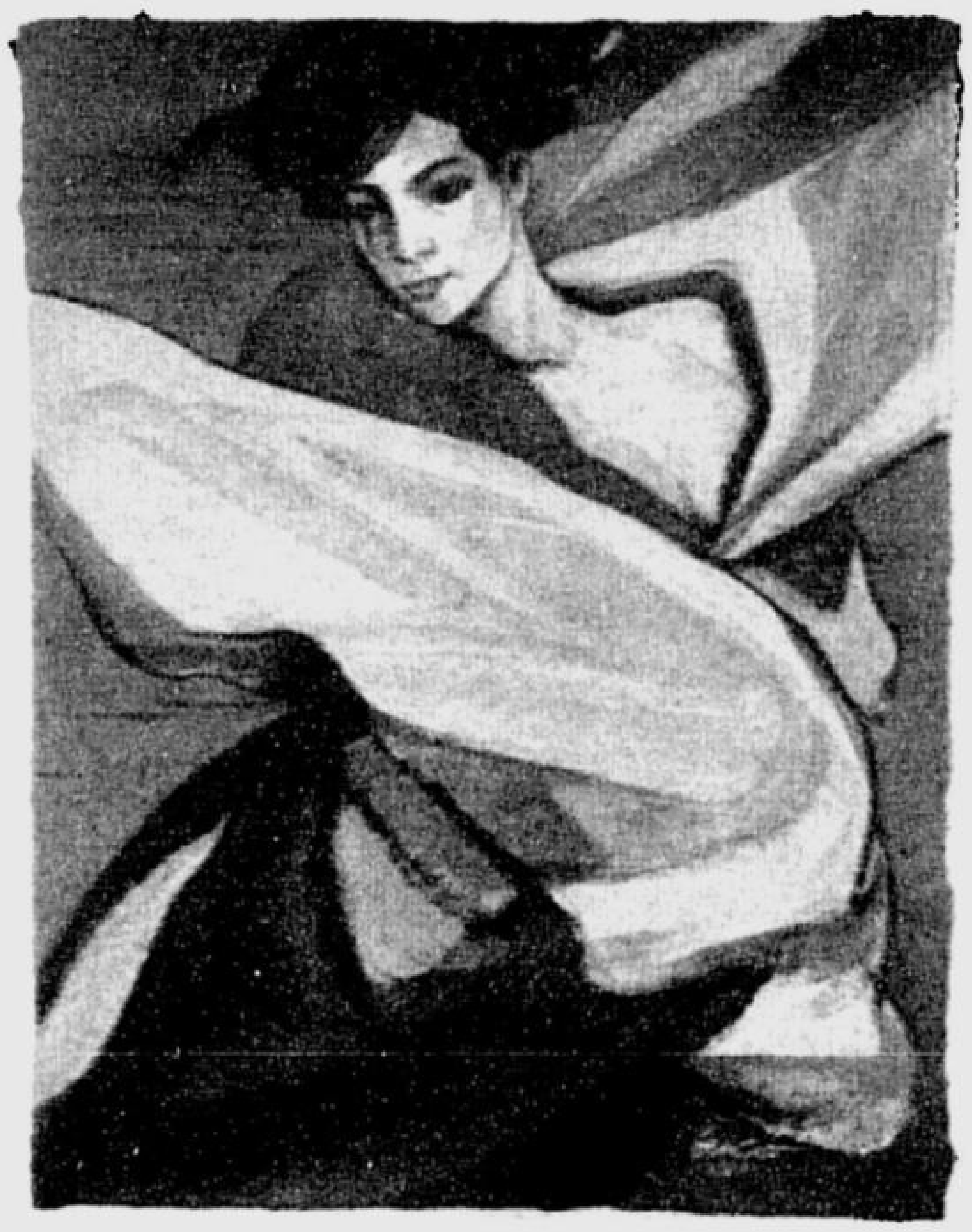
Art

The Art of Hebrew Script, an exhibit of Jewish manuscripts and ceremonial objects at the Upper Level Galleries, Metropolitan Museum of Manila, Central Bank Complex, Roxas Boulevard until July 13.

Botanicals at The Tivoli, an exhibit of a rare collection of botanicals in watercolor by Emmanuel Cordova at the Mandarin Oriental until June 29.

Florescence, an exhibit of various flowers by Ambie Abano, ongoing until June 17 at the Mai Room, Ayala Museum, Makati Avenue, Makati City.

Maquiling, an exhibit of mixed media paintings, drawings and floor pieces by Freddie Aquilizan at the Lopez Museum Shop, Power Plant Mall, Rockwell until June 25.



"Woman in Motion" by Ben Cabrera, on view at the Tam-awan Village Gallery in Baguio City until June 13

Fast and Slow Paintings, an exhibit of two sets of new works by Pep Manalang at the Finale Gallery, SM Megamall A until today.

Circunstancias de la Vida, an exhibit depicting the changing physical and historical landscape of Peru in 39 canvasses until June 16 at the Metropolitan Museum of Manila.

Music

Cool Nights @ the republic of malate, a concert cum party featuring Lou Bonnevie with guest appearances of Cookie Chua and Scarlet on June 16 at 10:30 p.m. Republic of Malate is located at 1769 A. Mabini St., Malate, Manila. For details, call 897-6991 and 890-7145.

Declics, a piano and cello duo featuring Jérôme Ducros and Gauthier Capuçon in an enchanting evening of sonatas at the Carlos P. Romulo Theater of the RCBC Plaza, Ayala Avenue, Makati City on June 18.

For this week's bands and schedules call:

- Hard Rock Café (893-4662-65)
- Virgin Café : Makati (893-1844) QC (926-7982)
- '70s Bistro: 46 Anonas St., QC (922-0492)
- Hobbit House: 1801 Mabini St., Malate, Manila (521-7604)
- Strumm's: El Pueblo, Ortigas (637-3009)
- Mayric's (412-9430)

Onstage

Master Class, a Tony-award winning play about the legendary opera soprano Maria Callas, will be staged by Repertory Philippines and opens at the William J. Shaw Theater, Shangri-La Plaza on June 14 and will run until June 24. It will also be performed at the Carlos P. Romulo Theater, RCBC Plaza from June 28 to July 8. For details, call 633-4821 to 25.

Cinema

The 6th French Film Festival is screening films released in Paris late last year at the Shangri-La Plaza Mall for free as part of the French Spring in Manila 2001. This year's selection includes: "Asterix et Obelix," "Salsa," "Est-Ouest," "La Fille Sur Le Pont," "Taxi 1," "Place Vendôme," "Le Goût des Autres," "Une Affaire de Goût," "Merci Pour le Chocolat," "Code Inconnu" and "Indochine." All movies are subtitled in English. Ongoing until June 18.

Food

Mandarin Deli provides an enticing selection of light yet filling meals with a la carte menu of gourmet salads using natural ingredients to satisfy health-conscious habitues. For inquiries, call 893-3661.

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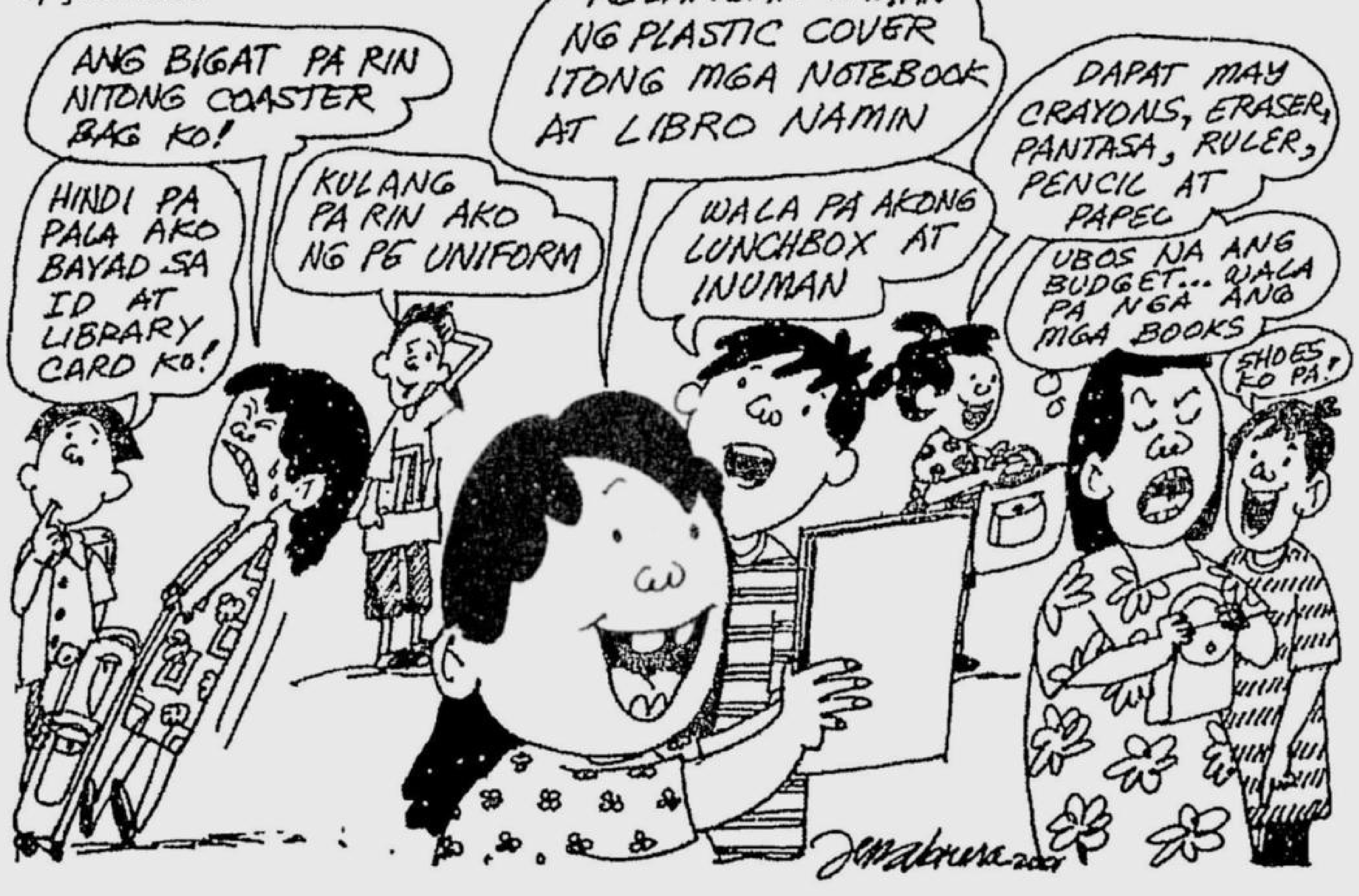
Gamit sa School

by Jess Abrera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Benkay Japanese Restaurant of Dusit Hotel Nikko Manila is featuring a set menu that includes various preparations of the Seabass available for lunch and dinner for the whole month of June.

Figaro Coffee Company serves **free coffee** at the Beck's Bar of Grand Boulevard Hotel every Wednesday from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. only for "Kapihan Turismo sa Grand," a tourism-oriented breakfast forum. For details, call 526-8500 loc. 7227.

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Travel Tales: A Writing Workshop, a workshop on developing your story and the kinds of travel writings you can experiment with and excel in, will be held on June 14, 21, 28, July 5 and 12 at FHL Reading Room. For details, call 892-1801.

East West Holistic Center is holding the following activities: Iridology Training Workshop (June 11-15); Basic Therapeutic Massage (June 18-21); Thai Massage (June 25-27). For details, call 712-7750.

Anvil Publishing and AsixPix recently launched **Edsa 2: A Nation in Revolt**, a photographic account of the events that led to People Power 2. The book contains 267 moving and memorable images by 46 Filipino photojournalists. Copies are available at all National Bookstore branches.

Dansa Studio (4th Floor, Manna II Bldg., 22 V. Luna Road, Brgy. Pinyahan, QC) is conducting **dance classes** in ballet, jazz, hiphop, ballroom and aerobics for kids and adults. For details, call 927-1928.

The ArtShop in Ayala Museum offers **prints by contemporary Filipino artists** like Malang, Steve Santos, Virgilio Aviado, Ojeng Jocano, Pacita Abad, Benjamin Torrado, Czarina Cruz, Eloisa Schumacher and Marie Taniguchi. Also available are scented candles of various sizes and shapes designed by Anton Barretto. For details, call 812-1191 to 97 loc. 129.

The Bureau of Women's Welfare and Development of the DSWD is offering **free short courses and skills training** for women aged 18-59. Entrepreneurial programs offered are Stuffed Toy Making, Quilting, Food Processing and Preservation, Home Aid Service, Basic and Hi-Speed Sewing and Candle Making. For inquiries, call 525-4081 or visit its office at 1680 F.T. Benitez St., Malate, Manila.

Open auditions for stage actors and production staff for the English play "The Mandragola" will be held on June 16, 1-5 p.m. at Mr. Melody Entertainment Bar, 75 Roces Ave., cor. Scout santiago, QC. For details, call 373-4208 and 643-8733.

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A solo exhibit by **Bencab** inaugurates the Village Gallery at Tamawan, Pinsao, Baguio City. Recent paintings on handmade paper by Ben Cabrera will be on view until June 13. For details, call (074) 446-2949 or email tamawan@skyinet.net.

"The Just Assassins," a play set against the tumultuous overthrow of the Russian czar in the 1900s presented by Dramatis Personae at the Subic Bay Arts Center Auditorium, Subic, Olongapo on June 15, 16 and 17. For details, call 724-2132.

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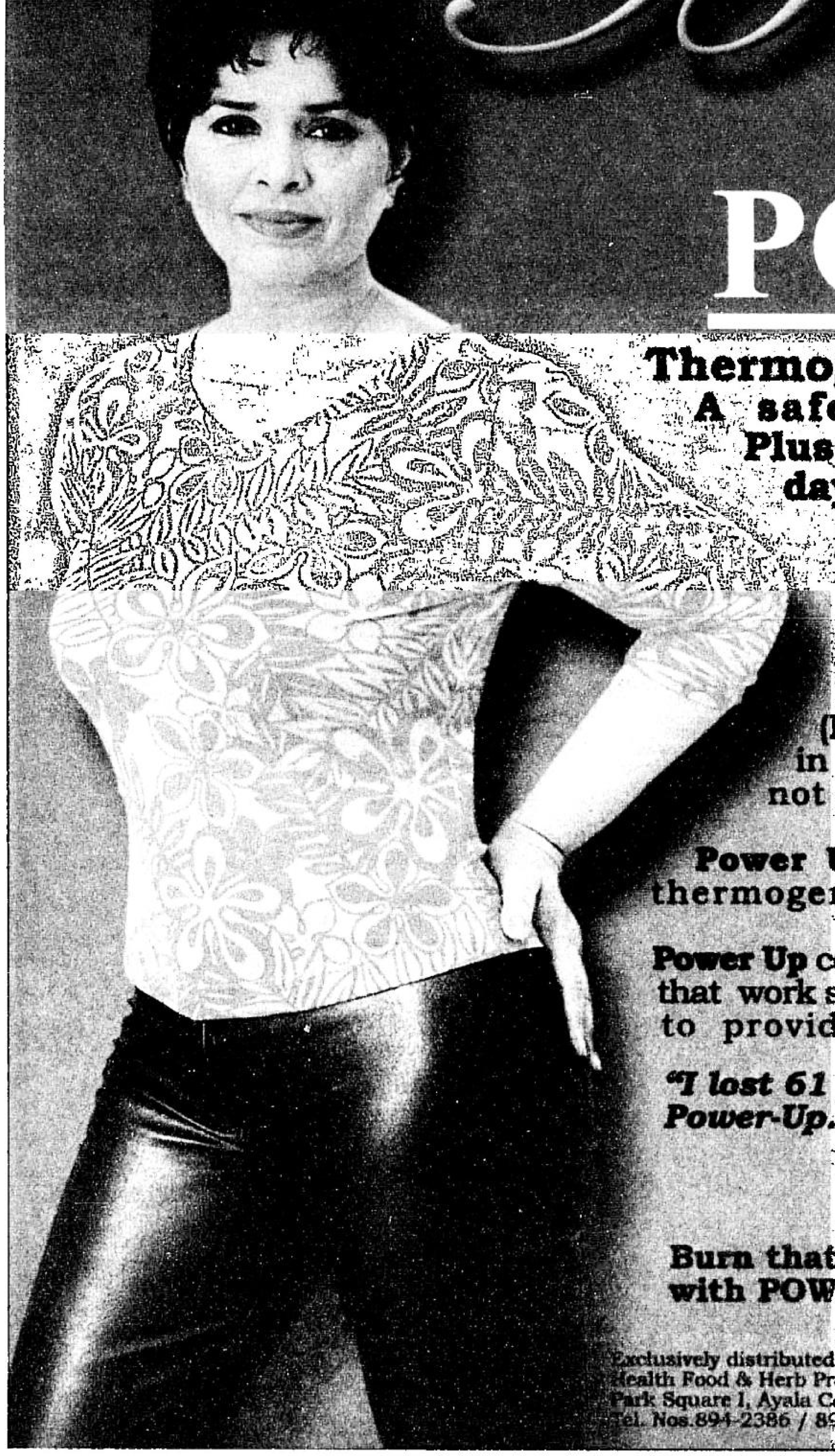

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